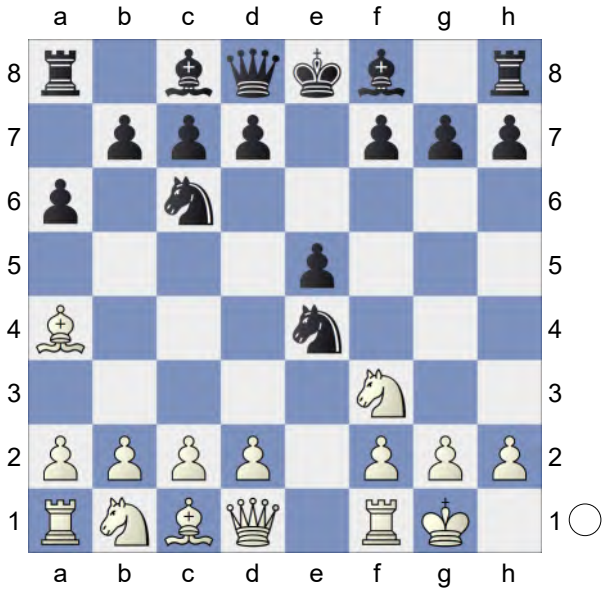
The Ruy Lopez
Dilworth Variation
116 Reference Games

Chess Notes 2025

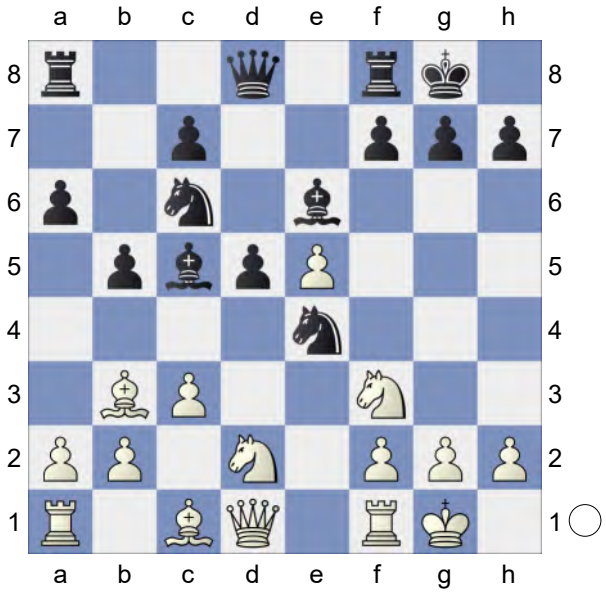
1 **C82**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2725**
12th Sinquefield Cup (2.4) 19.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

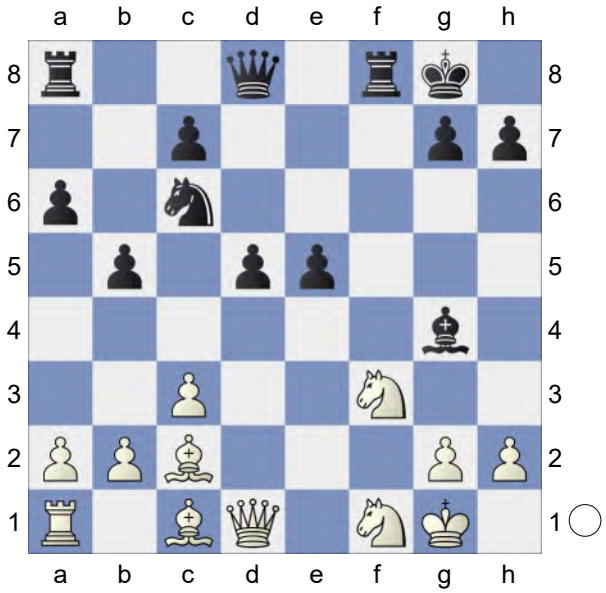
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1 fxe5 15.Kg1 Bg4**



16.Ne3! Be6 17.b4

[17.b3 d4 18.Qd3 *(18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.Rb1 Rad8 21.Qe1 Bf5 22.Bb2 Qb6 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Kh1 Rf7 25.h3 Rfd7 26.Rc1 e4 27.b4 Qe6 28.Qh4 Rf8 29.Rc5 Qxa2 30.Bc3 Qf2 31.Qxe4 Rdf7 32.Rg5 h6* 1-0 (34) Duda,J (2732)-Lysyj,I (2589) Wch Rapid Samarkand 2023 (11) *)* 18...g6 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Bb2 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Rxf3 22.Qe2 Qg5+ 23.Ng2 Raf8 24.h4 Qg3 25.Bxe5 Qg4 26.Re1 Bd5 27.Bd1 Qf5 28.Bd4 Rg3 29.Bc2 Qd7 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Nakamura,H (2787) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2023 (4.28)]

17...a5 18.Bb3N -0.25/24

[18.bxa5!± 0.43/21 Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6 26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 Qg6 31.Qxg6+ Kxg6 32.Rc1 h5 33.Kg3 Kg5 34.h4+ 1-0 (58) Vachier Lagrave,

M (2722)-Deac,B (2668) Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (15.3)]

18...axb4= 19.Nxd5

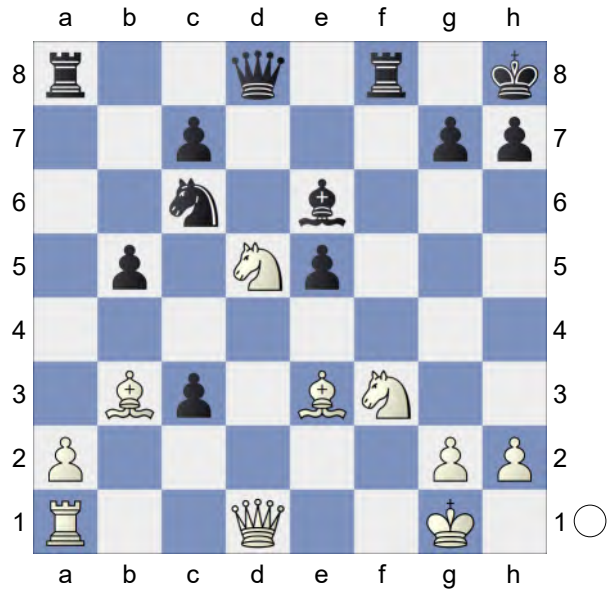
[19.Bxd5 Bxd5 20.Nxd5 bxc3 21.Nxc3 Qxd1+ 22.Nxd1 e4∓]

19...Kh8! 20.Be3

[20.Nxb4? Bxb3 21.Qxb3 Nxb4-+]

[20.cxb4 Rxf3 21.Qxf3 Nd4-+]

20...bxc3



21.Ng5 -0.46/18

[21.Nxc3= 0.00/21 is superior. Bxb3 22.Qxb3]

21...Bg8!∓

[21...Bxd5 22.Bxd5 h6 23.Ne6± *(23.Bxc6 Qxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Ra3±)*]

22.Qh5 -1.58/19 **h6∓ 23.Ne4 Bxd5** -0.96/18

[23...b4-+ -1.76/19 aiming for ...Qe8!. 24.Re1 Bf7 *(24...Bxd5 25.Bxh6 Qe8 26.Qg5=)*]

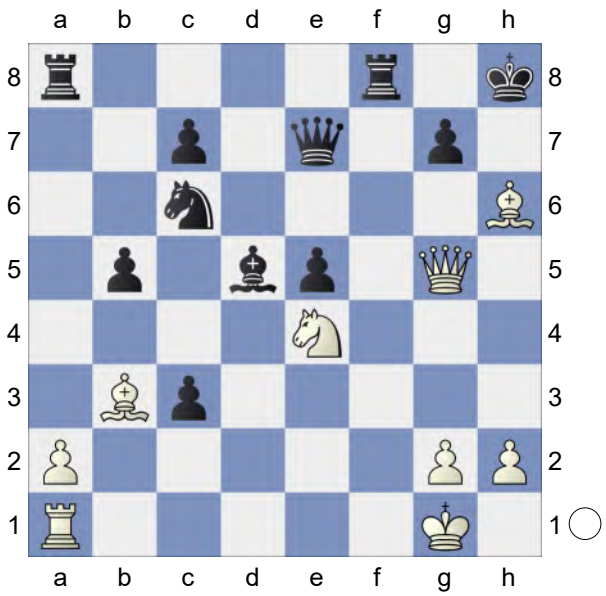
24.Bxh6 Qe8!

[24...Bxe4 25.Bg5+ Bh7 26.Bxd8±]

[24...gxh6 25.Qxh6+ Kg8 26.Qg6+ Kh8 27.Ng5± *(27.Qh6+ Kg8±)*]

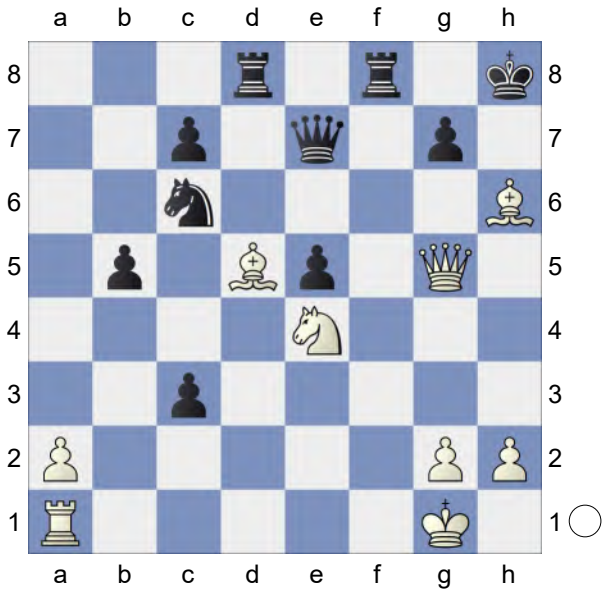
25.Qg5 Qe7

(Diagram)



26.Bxd5 Rad8? 2.17/20

[26...Qxg5∓ -0.96/23 keeps the pressure on. 27.Bxg5 Nd4 28.Bxa8 *(28.Nxc3? c6-+)* 28...Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Rxa8]



27.Qh5+- gxh6 28.Qxh6+→

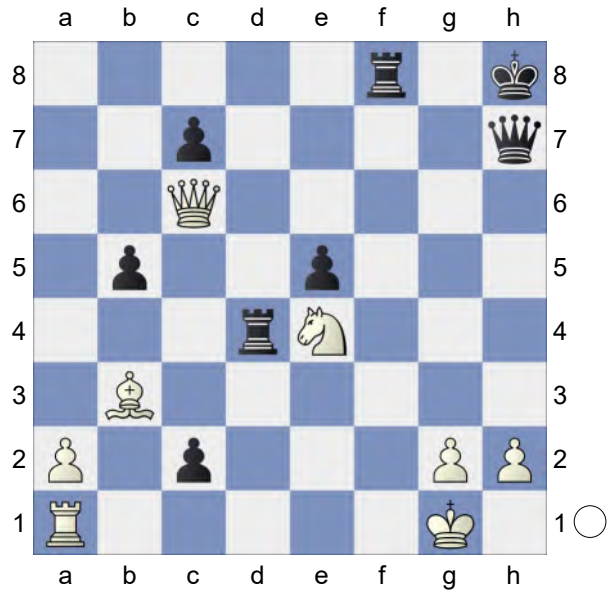
White goes for the king.

[28.Bxc6 Qe6 29.Bxb5 c2-+]

28...Qh7 29.Qxc6 c2 30.Bb3!

[30.Qxb5? Qxe4 *(30...Qd7? 31.Qxd7 Rxd7 32.Bb3+-)* 31.Kh1 Qxd5-+ *(31...Rxd5? 32.Qb3-+)*]

30...Rd4



31.Re1
[31.Bxc2 Rc4 32.Qxb5 Rxc2 33.Qxe5+ Qg7 34.Qh5+ Kg8 35.Qd5+ Rf7 36.Qd8+ Rf8 37.Qd5+ Qf7∓]

31...Qh4 32.g3 Qh3
[32...Rxe4? 33.Rxe4 Qf6 34.Rh4+ *(34.Qxb5 c1Q+; 34.Qxf6+ Rxf6 35.Bxc2 Ra6+-)* 34...Kg7 35.Qxc7+ *(35.Qxb5 c1Q+; 35.Rg4+ Kh6+-)* 35...Rf7 36.Bxf7 *(36.Rg4+ Kf8+-)*]

33.Qxc2
[33.Qxc7 Rxe4 34.Ra1 Re2]

33...Qf5 34.Qe2 b4 35.Nc5 Rf6

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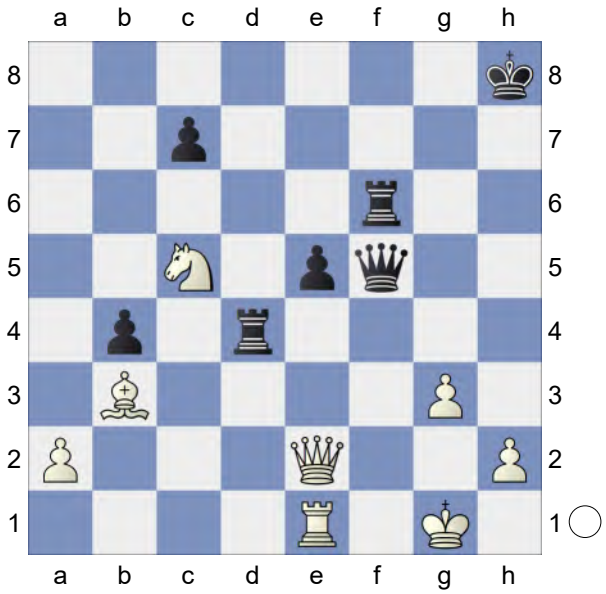

Repels Ne6 **36.Bc2**
[36.Qxe5 Qf2+ 37.Kh1 Qf3+ 38.Kg1 Rd2 *(38...Qf2+ 39.Kh1=)* 39.Qe8+ *(39.Qxc7? Qg2#)* 39...Rf8 40.Qe5+ Rf6 41.Qe8+ Rf8 42.Qe5+ Rf6=]

36...Qf3 37.Qxf3
[37.Qxe5 Qf2+ 38.Kh1 Qf3+ 39.Kg1 Qf2+ 40.Kh1 Rh4 41.Qe8+ *(41.gxh4 Qf3+ 42.Kg1 Qf2+ 43.Kh1 Qf3+ 44.Kg1 Qf2+ 45.Kh1=)* 41...Rf8 42.Qe5+ Rf6 43.Qe8+ Rf8 44.Qe5+ Rf6=]

37...Rxf3 38.Re2
[38.Rxe5 Rd2+-]

38...Rc3 39.Ne6 Rd6 40.Ng5 Rd7

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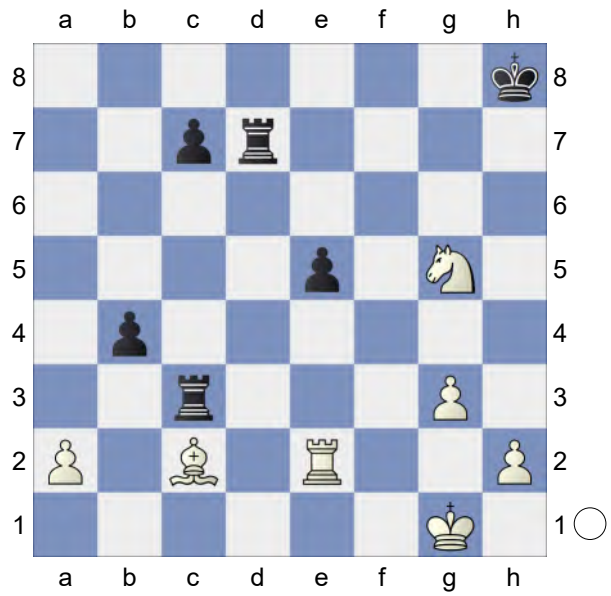
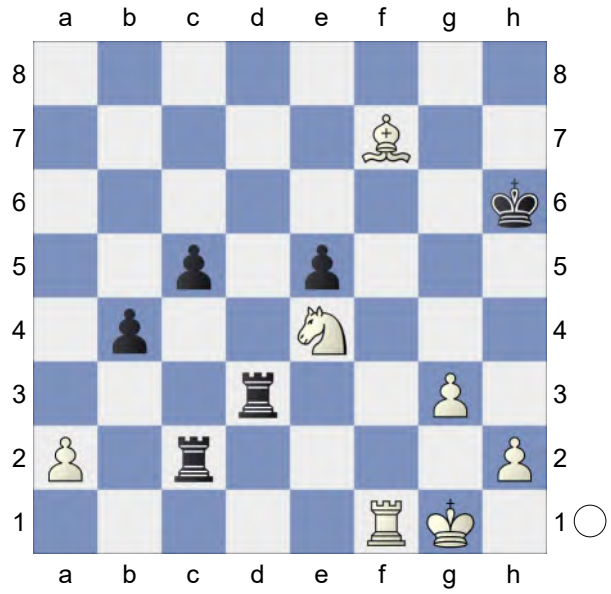
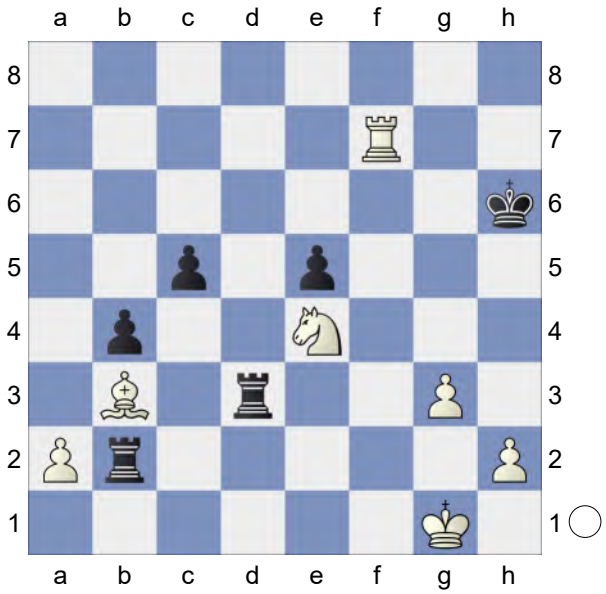


Prevents Nf7+ **41.Bb3 Kg7 42.Re1**
[42.Rxe5 Kf6 43.Rb5 Rd4]
42...Rdd3 43.Rf1 c5 44.Bf7
[44.Ne4 c4 45.Ba4 *(45.Nxc3 cxb3=)* 45...Ra3±]
44...Kh6 45.Ne4 Rc2

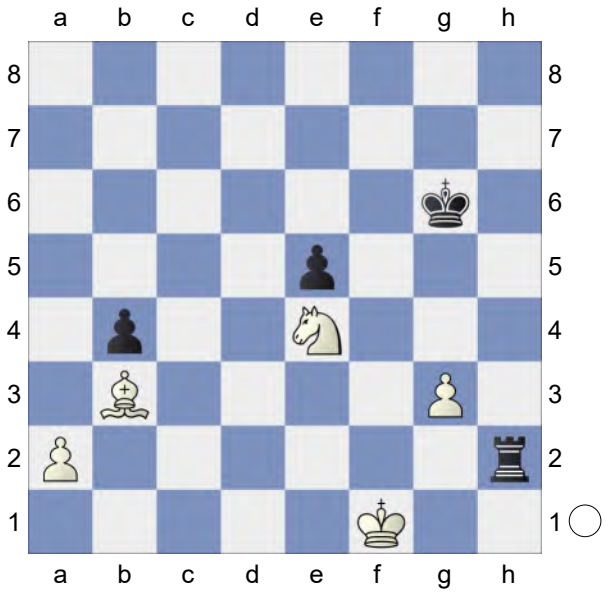


46.Bb3 Rb2 47.Rf6+!
[47.Nxc5 Rdd2 48.Rf6+ Kg7 49.Rf7+ Kg6±]
47...Kg7 48.Rf7+!
[48.Nxc5? Rdxb3 49.axb3 Kxf6-+]
48...Kh6 49.Rf6+ Kg7 50.Rf7+!
[50.Nxc5? Rdxb3 51.axb3 Kxf6-+]

50...Kh6



51.Nxc5 Rdd2 52.Ne4 Rg2+ 53.Kf1
Strongly threatening Nf2. **53...Rxh2**
54.Rf2 1.17/22
[54.Nf2!+- 1.81/20 Rb1+ 55.Ke2]
54...Kg6 2.24/27
[54...Rhxf2+± 1.17/22 55.Nxf2 Kg5]
55.Rxh2 Rxh2



56.Nf2 Kf5 57.Ke2 Rh8 2.35/22
[57...Rg2± 1.57/23]
58.Ke3 Rd8 59.g4+ Kf6 60.Ne4+ Kg6

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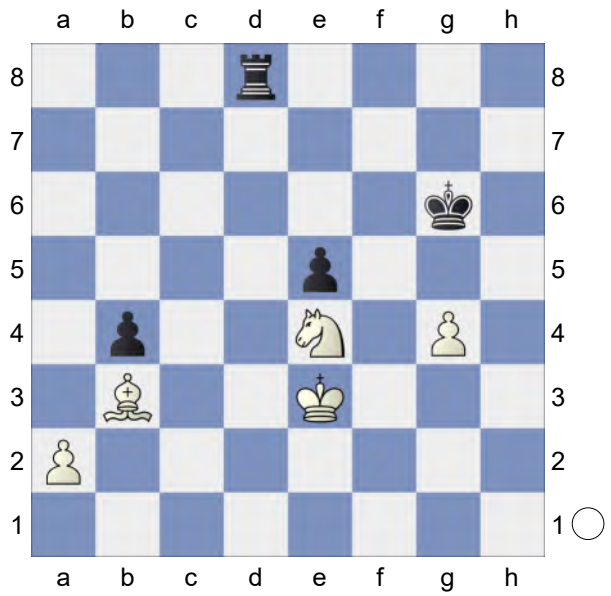

61.Be6 1.17/20
[61.Nd2+- 2.58/26 has better winning chances.]
61...Kg7 1.93/23
[61...Rd1± 1.17/20 62.Nc5 Kf6]
62.Bb3 1.42/23
[62.Nd2!+- 1.93/23]
62...Kg6 2.57/24
[62...Rd4± 1.42/23 63.Bc2 Rc4]
63.Nf2 Kf6 2.02/25
[⌓63...Kg5 1.66/24 64.Ke4 Kf6]
64.Nd3 Rd4 2.48/24
[⌓64...Rd7 1.75/23 65.g5+ *(65.Nxb4 Rd4±)* 65...Kxg5]

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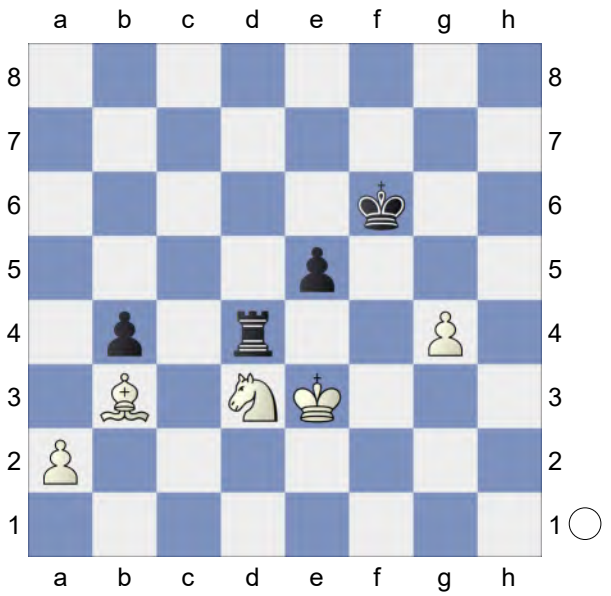
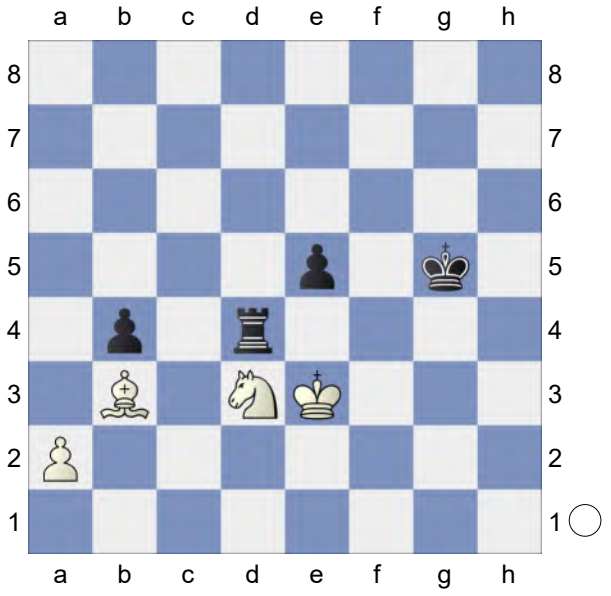


65.g5+! Deflection **65...Kxg5**



66.Nxe5 Rf4 67.Nf3+ Kg4? 5.10/27
[67...Kf5 2.53/24 was called for. 68.Be6+ Kxe6]
68.Be6+ Kg3 69.Ne5 Rf6 70.Bd5 Rf4

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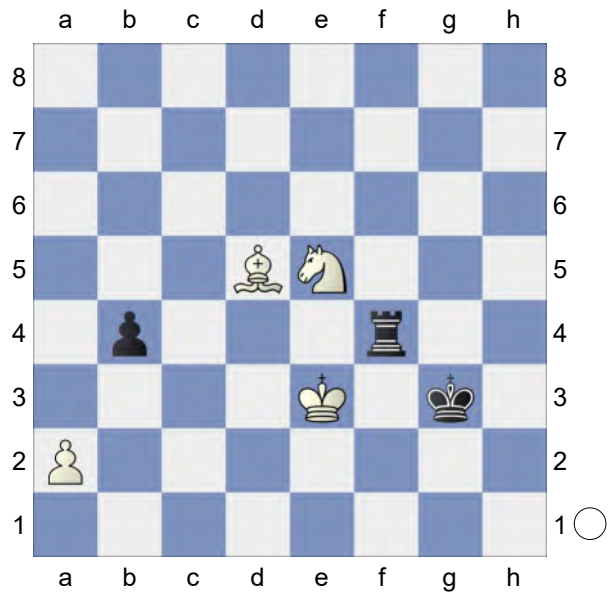
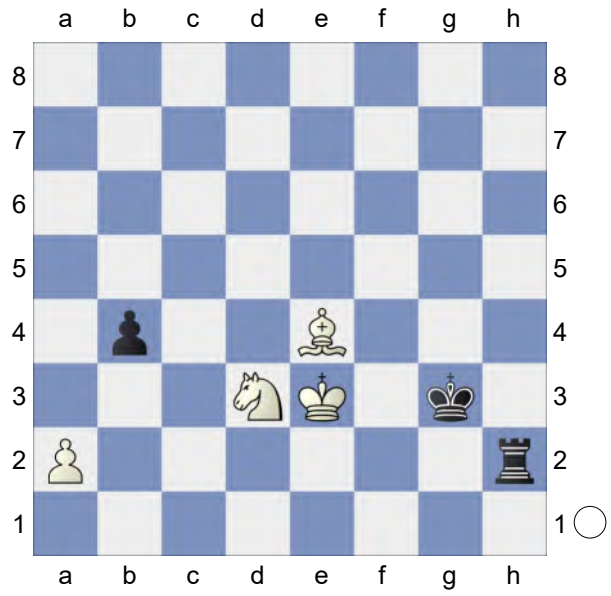


71.Nd3 Rh4 72.Be4 2.61/23
[⌓72.Ne5 4.81/24 Rf4 73.Kd3]
72...Rh2



73.Bd5!
[Inferior is 73.Nxb4 Rb2=]
73...Rh4 74.Ne5 Rf4 75.Nc6 2.59/23
[⌓75.Bc4 4.47/24 Rh4 76.Bd5]
75...Rh4? 5.88/22
[75...Kg4 2.59/23 is more resistant.
76.Be4 b3 77.axb3 Rf1]

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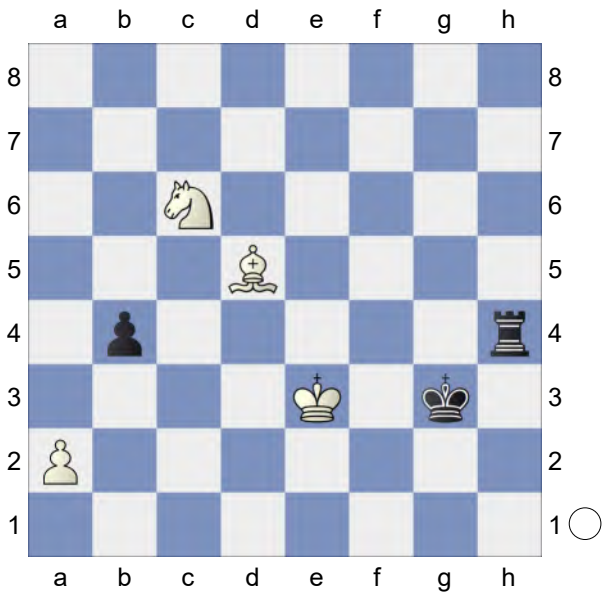
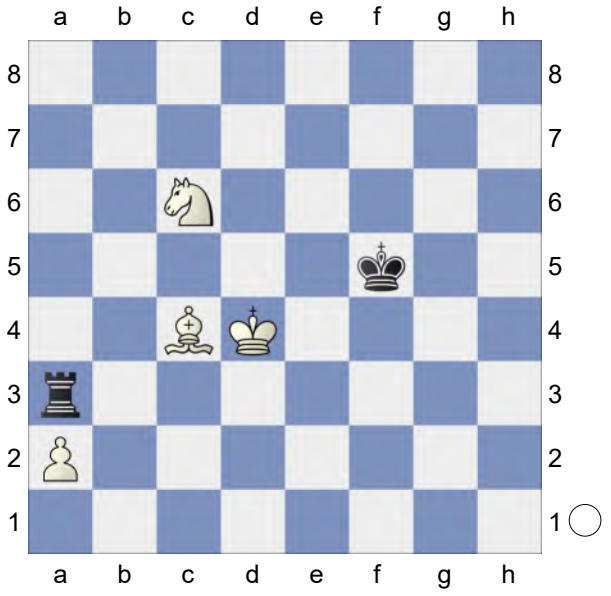


76.Kd3 Rf4 77.Bc4 Kg4 78.Nxb4 Kf5 79.Nc6 Rf3+ 80.Kd4 Ra3



81.Kc5 Rxa2 82.Bxa2 White mates.
82...Ke4

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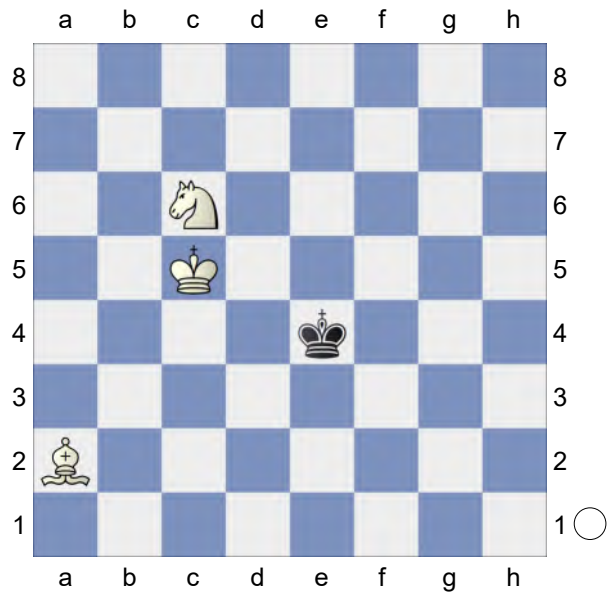
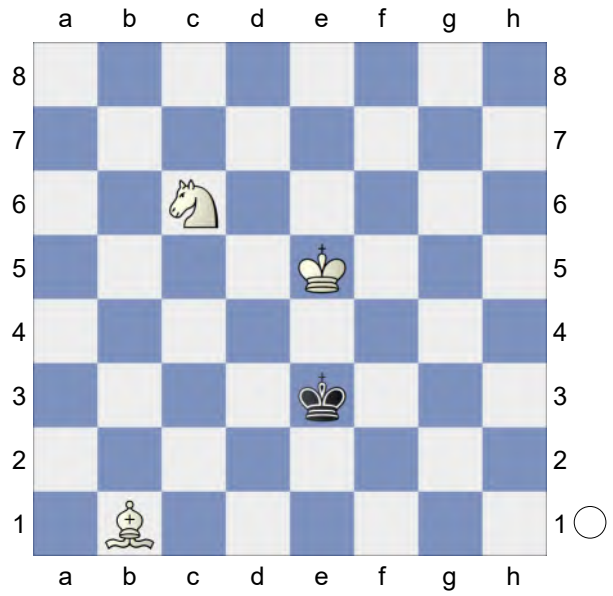


83.Bb1+! Ke3 84.Kd5 Kf3 85.Ke5 Ke3



86.Be4 Ke2 87.Kd4 Kf2 88.Ne5 Ke2 89.Nd3 Kd1 90.Nf4 Kd2

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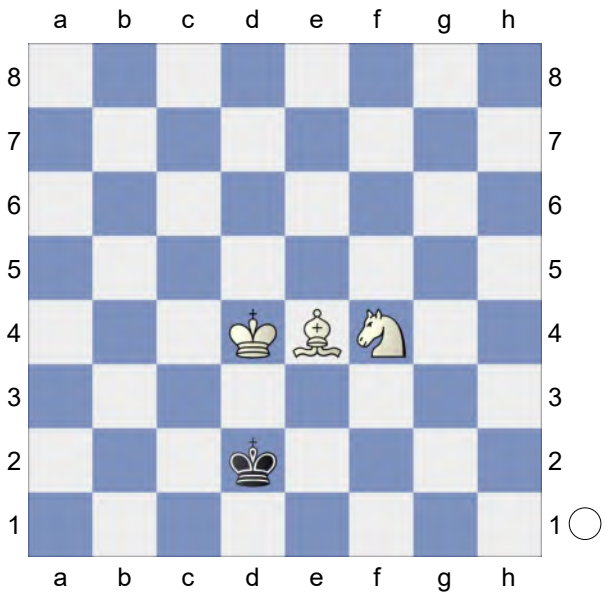
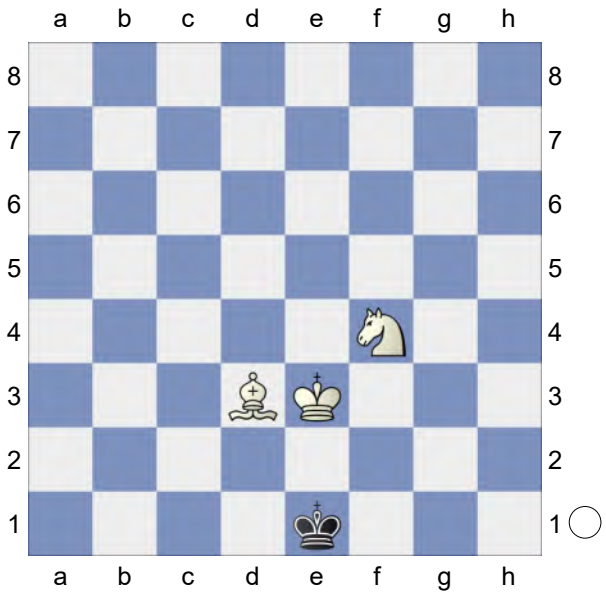


91.Bd3 Kd1 92.Ne2 Kd2 93.Ke4 Ke1 94.Ke3 Kf1 95.Nf4+ Ke1



96.Bc2 Kf1 97.Bb3 Ke1 98.Ng2+ Kf1 99.Kf3 Kg1

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100.Kg3

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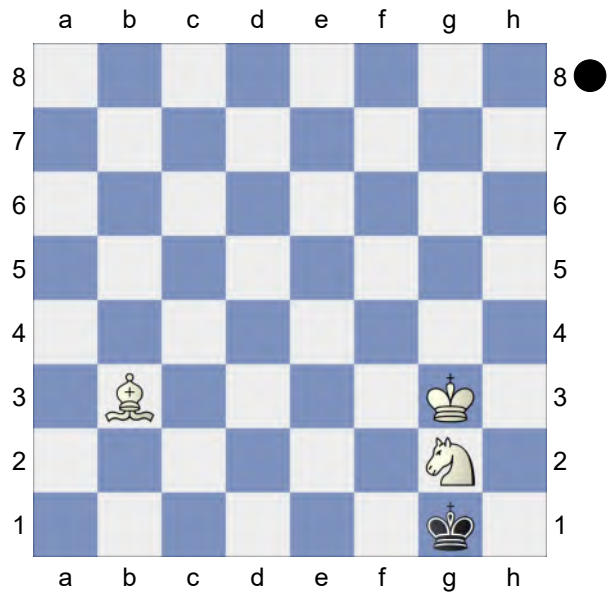

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2 **C82**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2757**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2782**
2nd UzChess Cup Masters (3.3) 21.06.25
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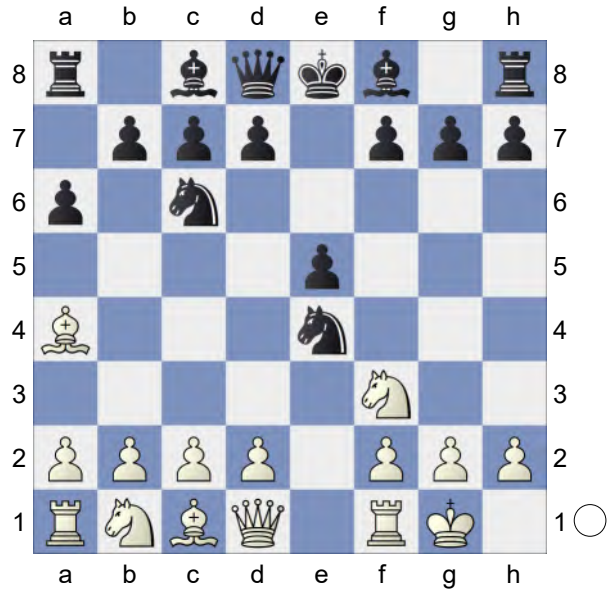
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**



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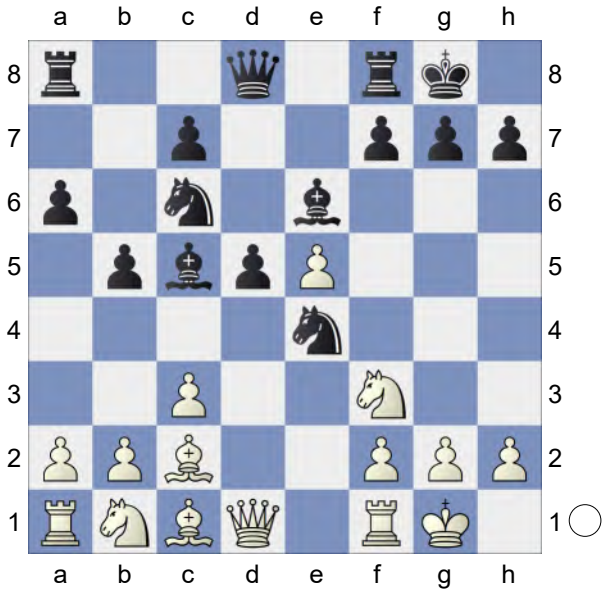

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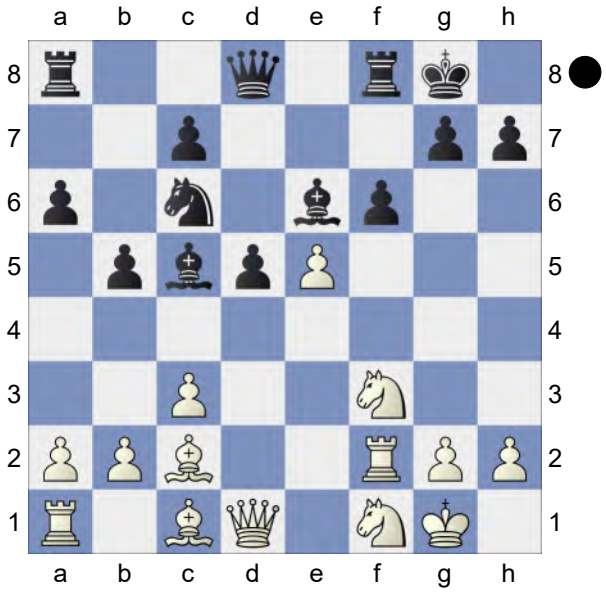

Black must now prevent Be3. **13...Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5** Strongly threatening ...e4. **15.Kg1** Bxh7+! is the strong threat. White is slightly better. **15...Qd6**

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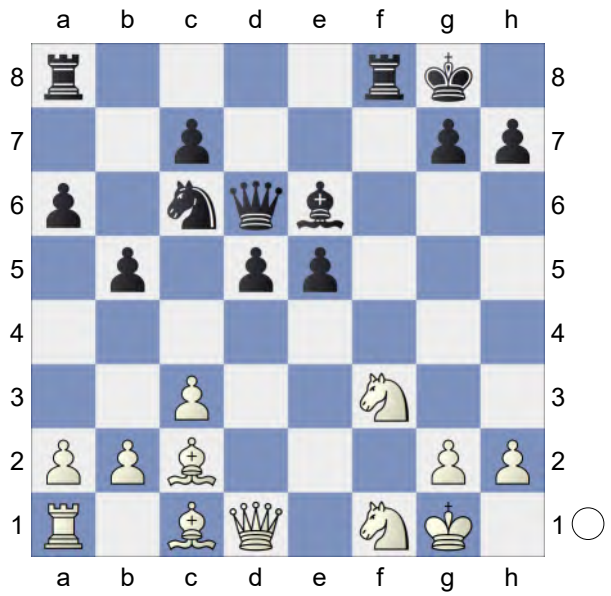
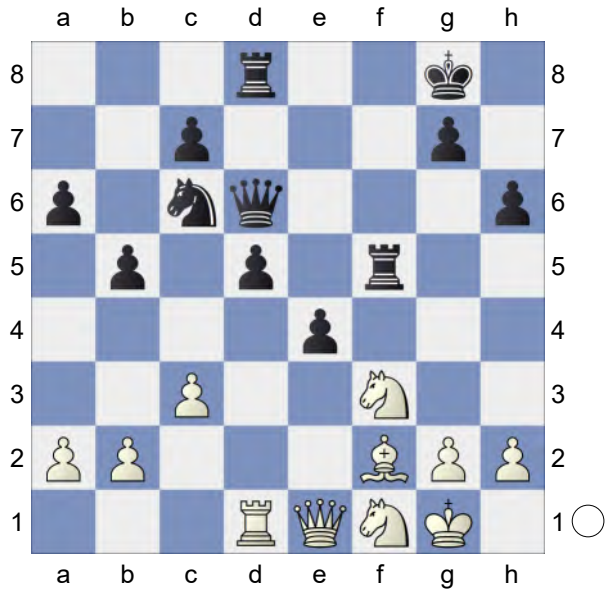


16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2

[Much worse is 20.Ng3 Rf7∓]

20...e4

[20...Rf7]

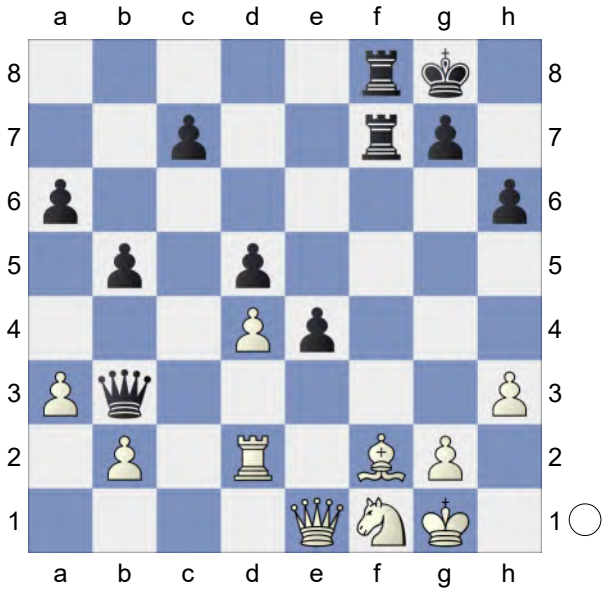


21.Nd4N

[21.Bg3 exf3 22.Bxd6 f2+ 23.Qxf2 Rxf2 24.Kxf2 Rxd6 25.Ne3 d4 26.cxd4 Nxd4 27.b4 Nc6 28.Rxd6 cxd6 29.Nd5 Kf7 30.Ke3 Ke6 31.Ke4 Ne7 32.Nf4+ Kf6 33.a3 g5 34.Nh5+ Kg6 35.Ng3 h5

Fromm,M (2425)-Babula,V (2574) Germany 2023 ½-½ (48) 36.h3 h4 37.Ne2 Kf6 38.Nd4 d5+ 39.Kf3 Ng6 40.Nb3 Ne5+ 41.Ke2 Nc4 42.Nc5 Nxa3 43.Nxa6 Ke5 44.Nc5 Kd4 45.Ne6+ Kc3 46.Nxg5 Nc2 47.Nf3 Nd4+ 48.Nxd4 Kxd4 0-1 (48) Fromm,M (2472)-Gallo Garcia,K (2356) Mexico City 2023]

21...Nxd4 22.cxd4 Rdf8 23.Rd2 White has compensation. **23...Qb4 24.a3 Qb3 25.h3 R5f7**



26.Ng3 -0.01/22

[26.Ne3± 0.44/21]

26...Rf6 The position is equal. **27.Kh2 a5 28.Nh5! Rf5 29.Ng3 R5f6 30.Nh5! Rf5**

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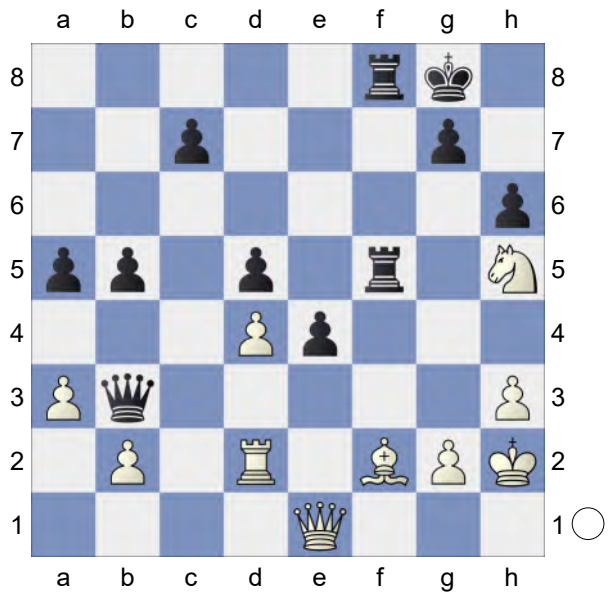
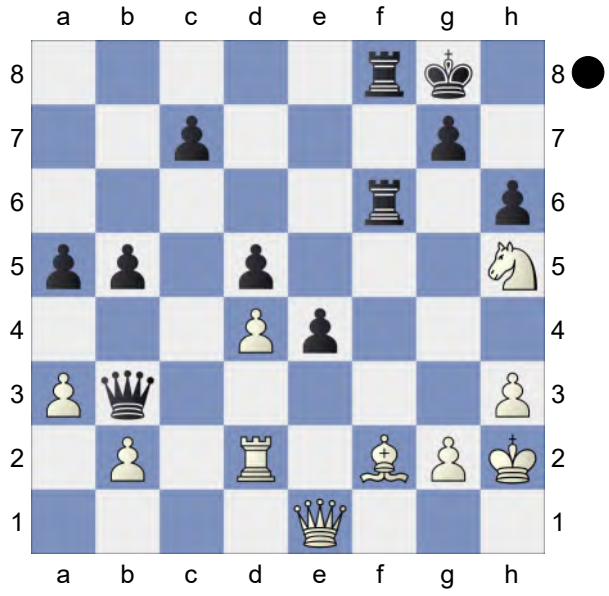


31.Ng3 R5f6 32.Nh5!



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½-½

3 **C82**
□ **Cruelken** **3123**
■ **Patriciabot** **2937**
Rapid 25.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

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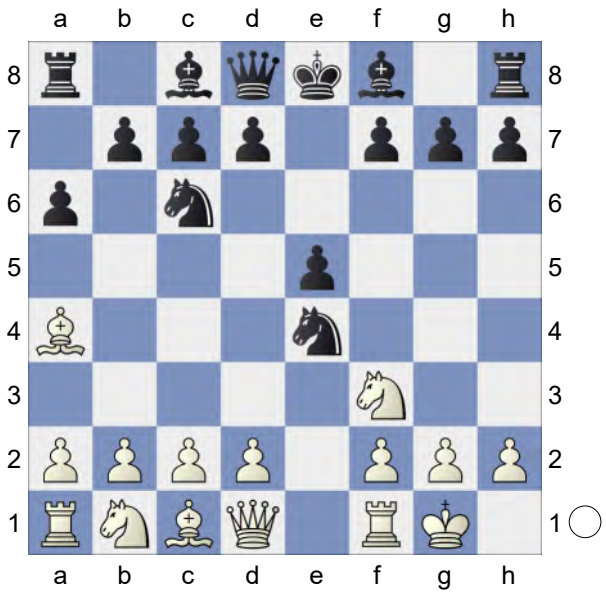
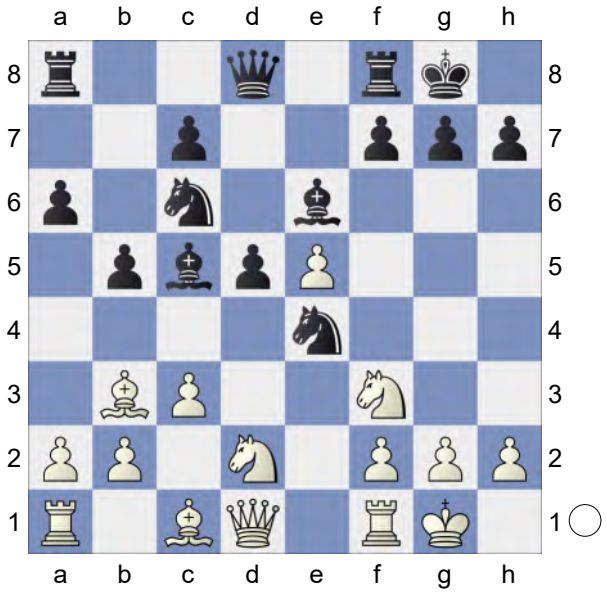
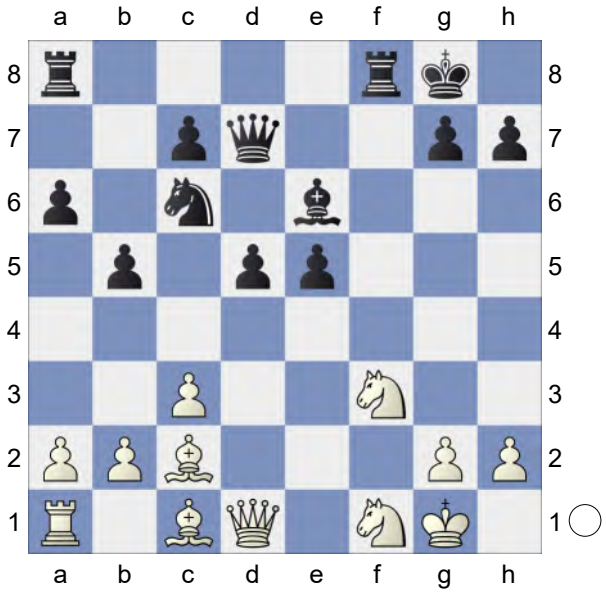
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.Nf1 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Qd7**



16.a4 White has compensation. **16...e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.b4 Qf7!** (-> ...Qf2+) **19.Bg5 Qf2+N**

[19...Bd7 20.a5 Qg6 21.Be7 Rf7 22.Bc5 Re8 23.Qe1 Rf3 24.Kh1 Rf6 25.Ne3 c6 26.Qg3 Qh6 27.Rg1 Rg6 28.Qe1 Qg5 29.Rf1 Rf6 30.Rxf6 Qxf6 31.Kg1 h5 32.h4 Nd3 33.Bxd3 exd3 34.Nb3 1-0 (76) Homont,R (2382)-Wydornik,R (2273) corr BRA/CXEB50/Sf (BRA) 2020 Bg4 35.Bd4 Qh6 36.Kh2 Be2 37.Qf2 Rf8 38.Nf5 Qe6 39.Qg3 Bg4 40.Ne3 Qg6 41.Nd2 Qh6 42.Qe5 Rf7 43.Kg1 Kh7 44.Nef1 Bd1 45.Be3 Qg6 46.Bg5 Rf8 47.Qd4 Bg4 48.Nb3 Re8 49.Ne3 1-0 (76) Ivanchenko,S (2382)-Chigorin Variation (2273) Haninge 1992]

20.Kh1 Dancing on a razor blade. **20...Bd7**

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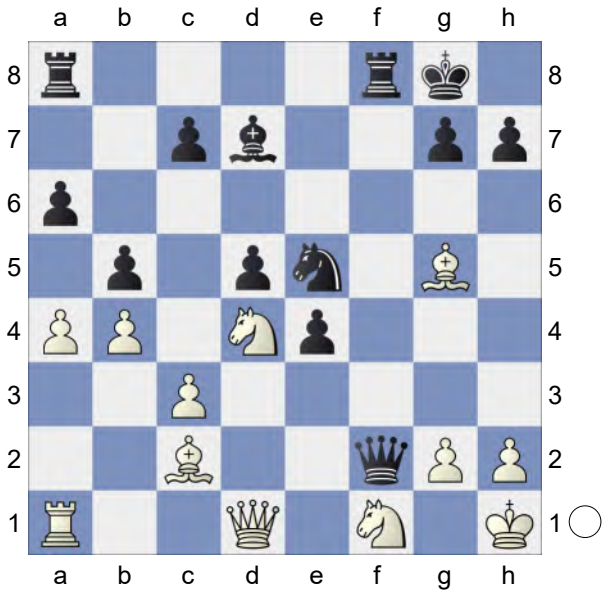
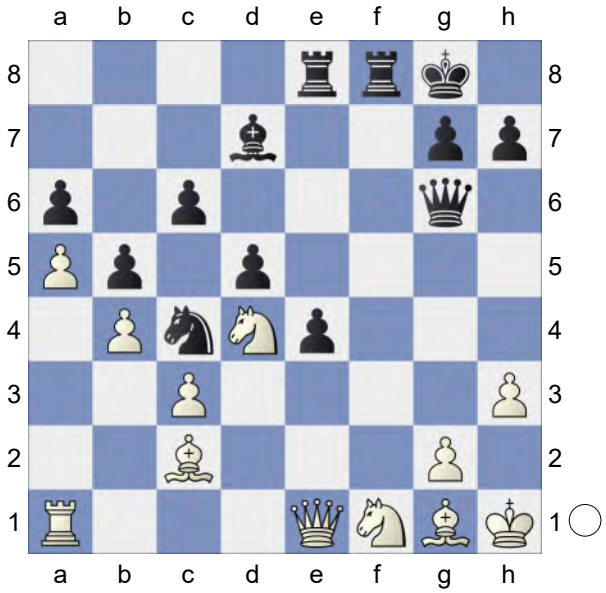


21.a5 Qf7 22.h3 Against Ng4 **22...Qg6 23.Be3 Rae8 24.Qe1 Nc4 25.Bg1 c6**



26.Nd2 Nxd2 27.Qxd2 Re7! 28.Bh2 e3 29.Qe2 Qh6 30.Rf1 Repels Rf2 **30...Rxf1+**

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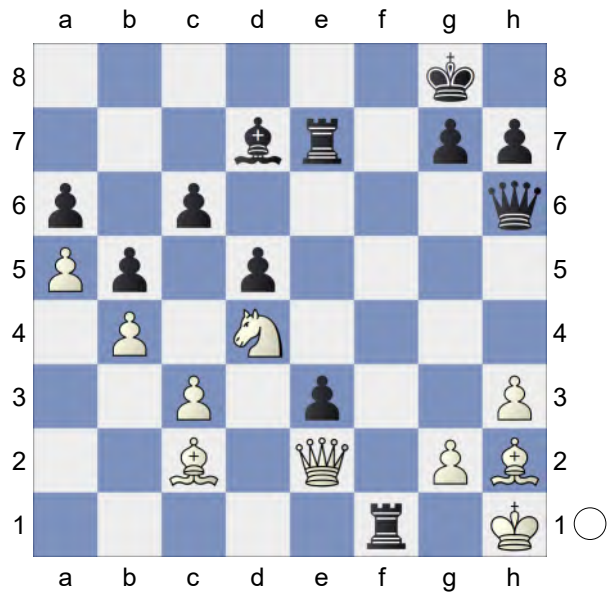
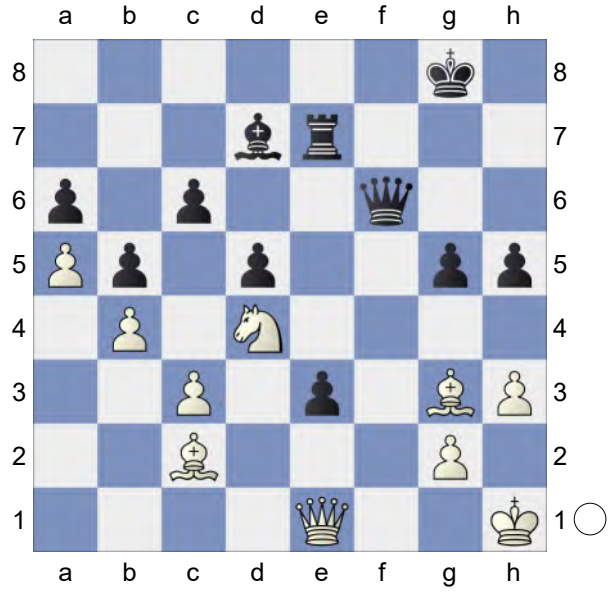


31.Qxf1 Rf7 32.Nf3 White is more active. **32...Qf6 33.Qe1! Re7** 1.42/21
[⩲33...Qh6 0.87/21]
34.Bg3 This pair of bishops is nice.
34...g5 Prevents Bh4 **35.Nd4 h5**



36.Qe2! Be8 37.Kg1 Bg6 38.Qf1 Qxf1+ 39.Kxf1 Bxc2 40.Nxc2 h4

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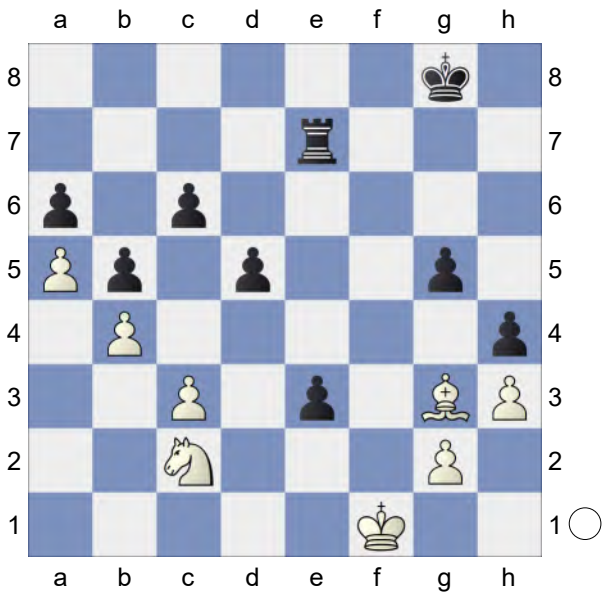
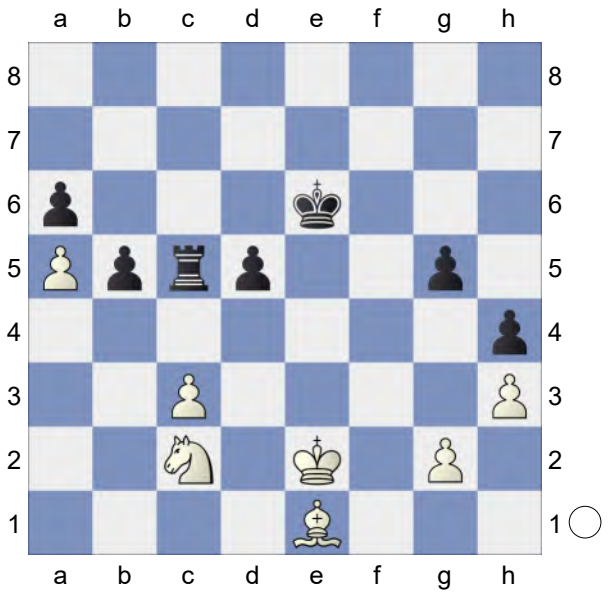


41.Be1! Rc7 42.Nxe3 Kf7 43.Ke2 Ke6 2.04/23
[43...c5± 1.58/21 44.Nxd5 Rd7]
44.Nc2+- c5 45.bxc5 Rxc5



46.Nb4 Rc4 47.Nxa6 d4 1.99/27
[47...Kd6± 1.48/20 was necessary. 48.Nb4 Re4+ 49.Kd1 d4]
48.Kd3? 0.03/22
[48.cxd4+- 1.99/27 Kd3 is the strong threat. Rxd4 49.Nc7+ Kd7 50.Nxb5 Re4+ 51.Kf2]
48...dxc3= 49.Bxc3 g4 50.Nb4 gxh3
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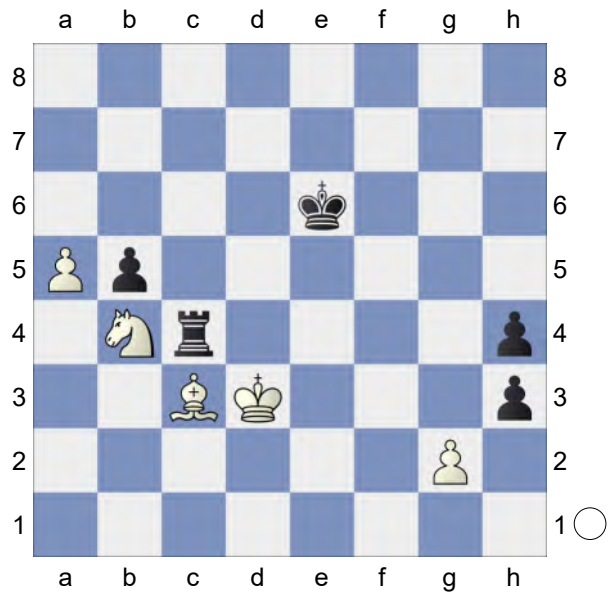
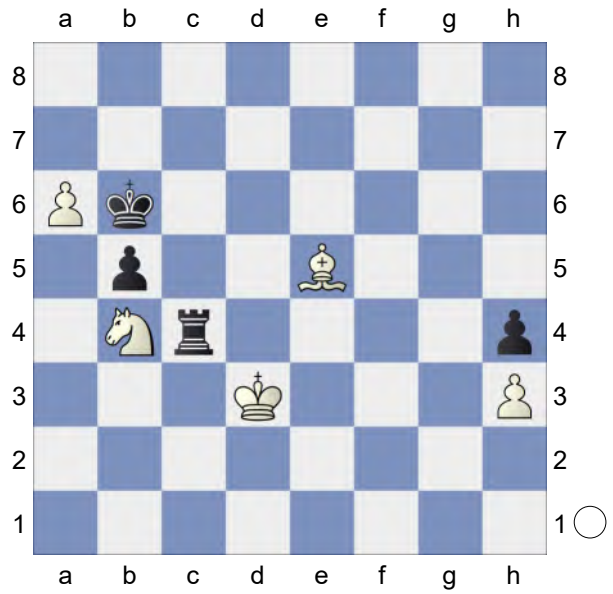


51.gxh3 Kd7 52.a6 Kc7! This costs Black the game. **53.Be5+?** 3.31/22
[53.Ke2= 0.03/27]
53...Kb6+- 54.Bd4+ Kc7 55.Be5+ Kb6



56.Bd4+ Kc7 57.Nd5+ Kc6 58.Nc3 Rb4 59.a7 Kb7

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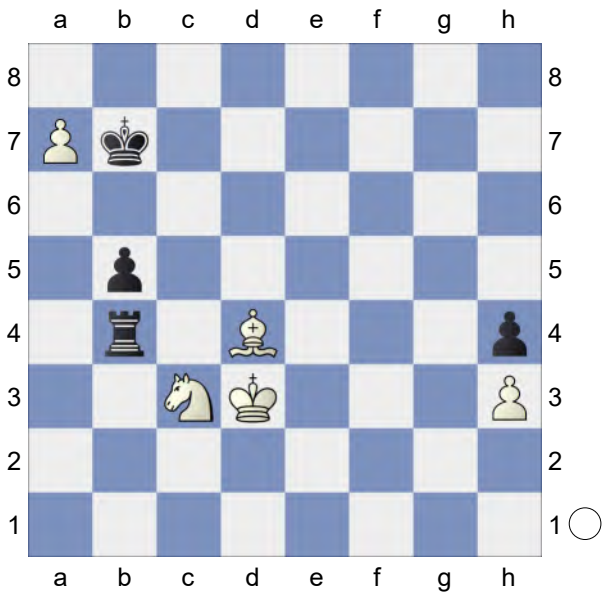
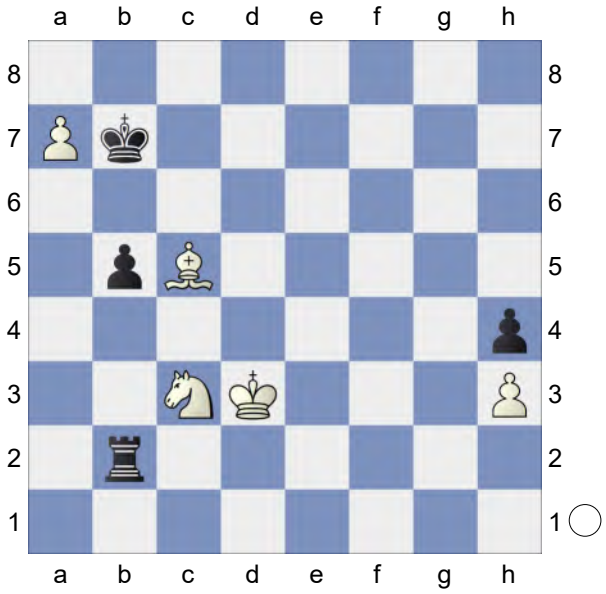


60.Bc5! Rb2



61.Nd5 Rh2? 6.95/19
[61...Ra2 2.05/20 62.Kc3 Ra4]

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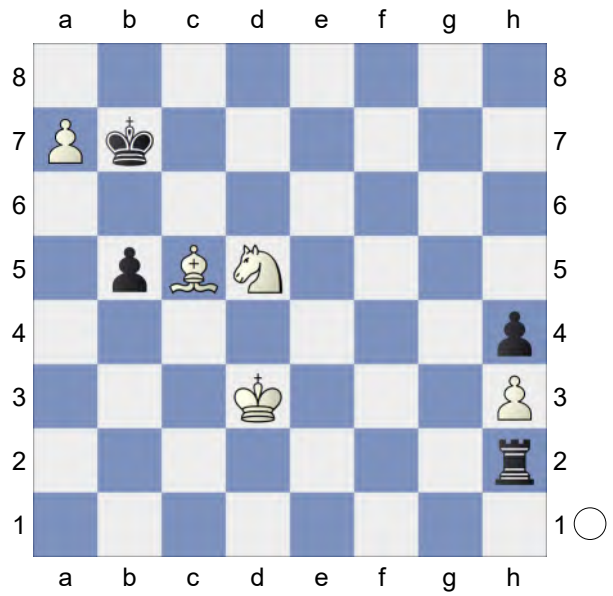
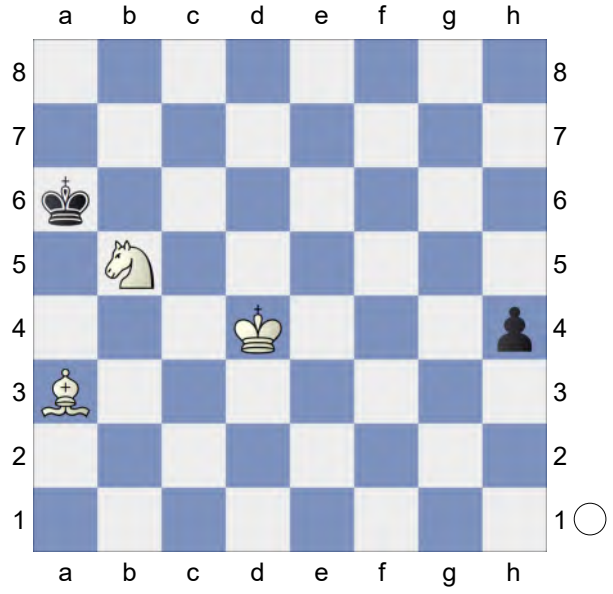


62.Nc7! Deflection, Promotion
62...Rxh3+
[62...Kc6 63.a8Q+]
63.Kd4 Ra3 64.Bxa3 Kxa7 65.Nxb5+ Ka6



66.Nc3 h3 ...h2 would now be deadly.
67.Nd1 White mates. **67...h2 68.Nf2 Kb5 69.Bd6 h1Q 70.Nxh1 Kc6**

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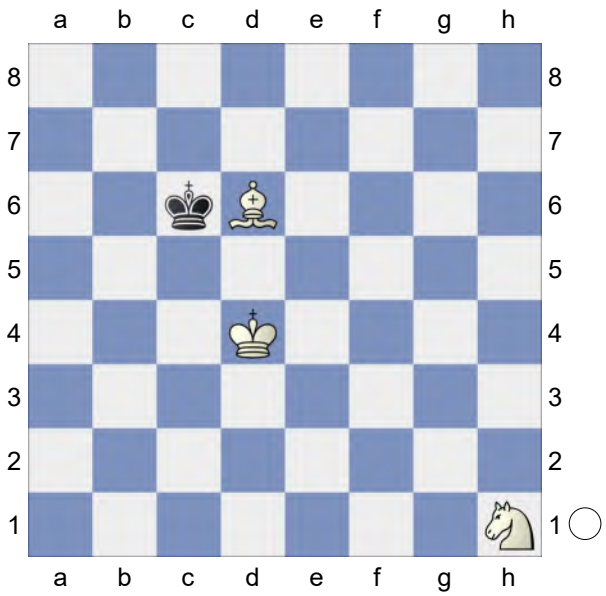
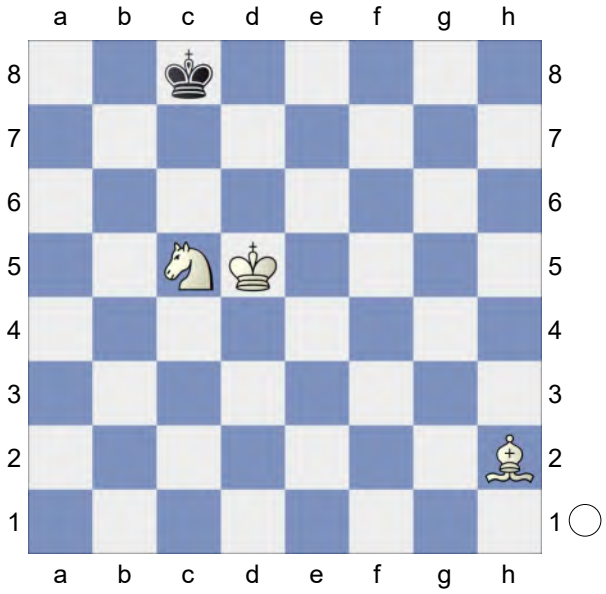


71.Bh2 Kb7 72.Kd5 Ka7 73.Nf2 Kb6 74.Nd3 Kb7 75.Nc5+ Kc8



76.Bd6 Kd8 77.Kc6 Ke8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
78.Ne4

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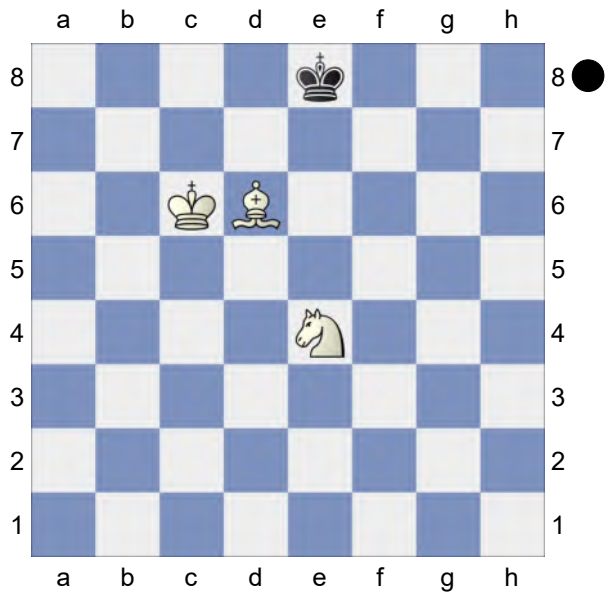

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4 **C82**

□ **Mr Chess Berserk** **3059**

■ **Yuligpro9** **3079**

Blitz 16.02.2025

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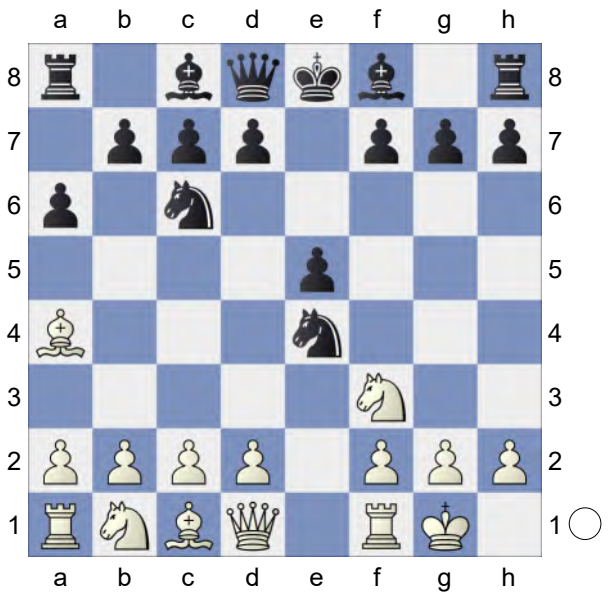

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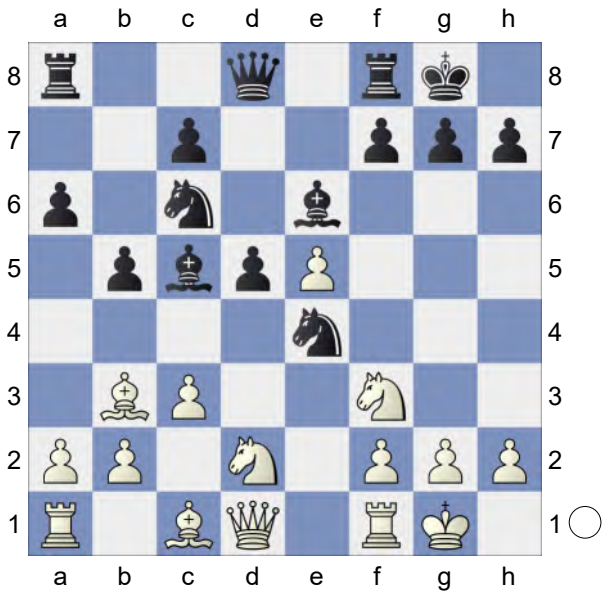

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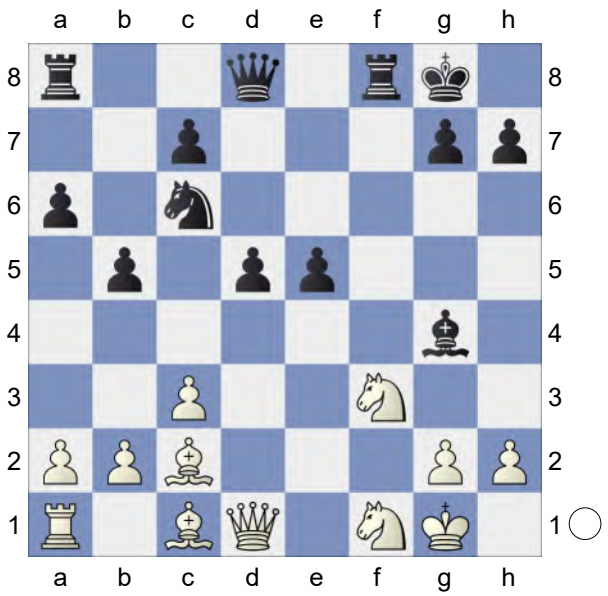
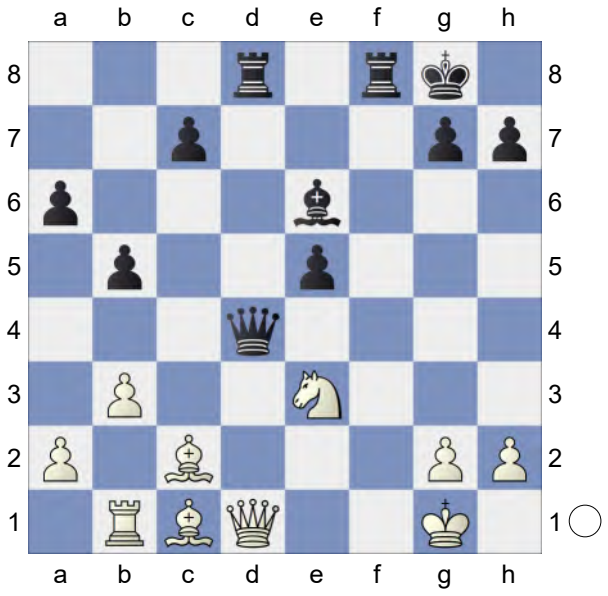


16.Ne3! Be6 17.b3 d4 18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4

[19.Nxe5 Qf6 20.Bb2 *(20.Qxd4 Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Qe1+)* 20...Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Nxc2 22.Nxc2 Rad8∓]

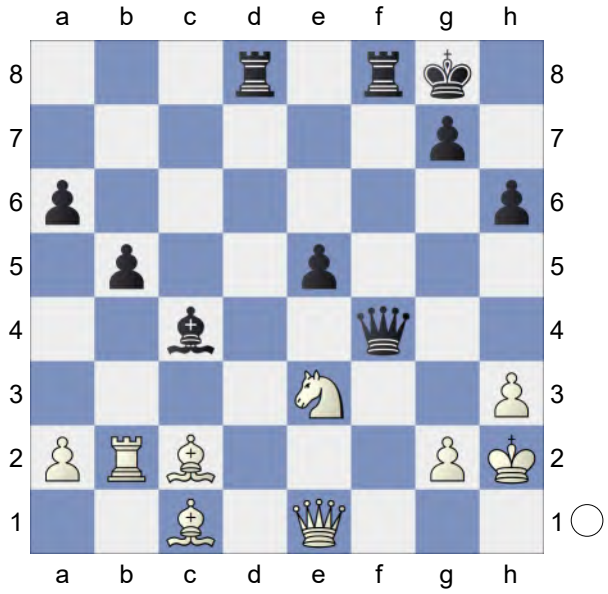
19...Qxd4 20.Rb1 Rad8



21.h3N White has compensation.

[21.Qe1 Bf5 22.Bb2 Qb6 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Kh1 Rf7 25.h3 Rfd7 26.Rc1 e4 27.b4 Qe6 28.Qh4 Rf8 29.Rc5 Qxa2 30.Bc3 Qf2 31.Qxe4 Rdf7 32.Rg5 h6 33.Rg6 Qe2 34.Rxh6 1-0 Duda,J (2732)-Lysyj,I (2589) Wch Rapid Samarkand 2023 (11)]

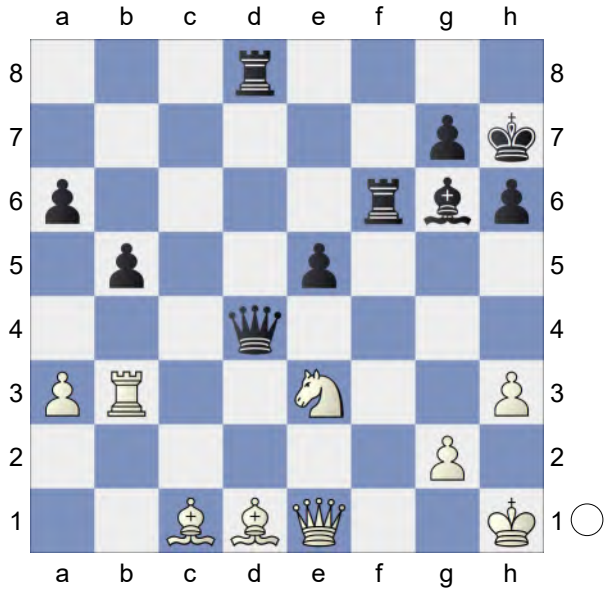
21...h6 22.Rb2 c5 23.Qe1! c4 24.bxc4 Bxc4 25.Kh2 Qf4+



26.Kg1 Qd4 27.Kh1 Bd3 28.Bd1 0.17/21

[28.Rb4± 0.72/22 Qc5 29.Bb3+ Kh7 30.Rg4]

28...Kh7 29.a3 Bg6 The position is equal. **30.Rb3 Rf6**



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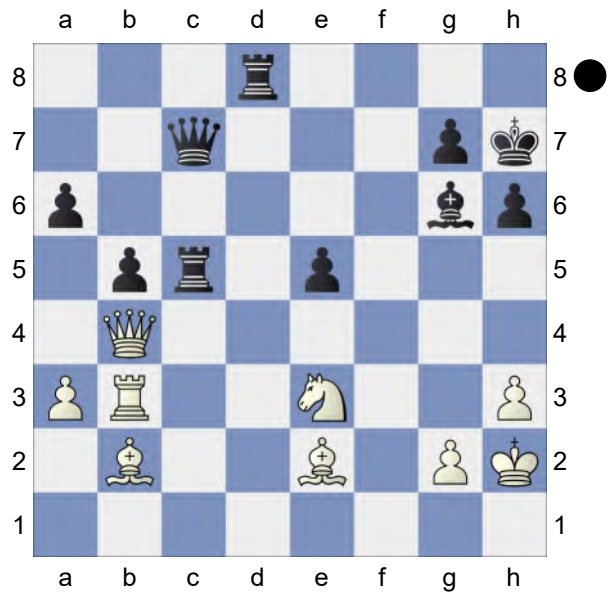
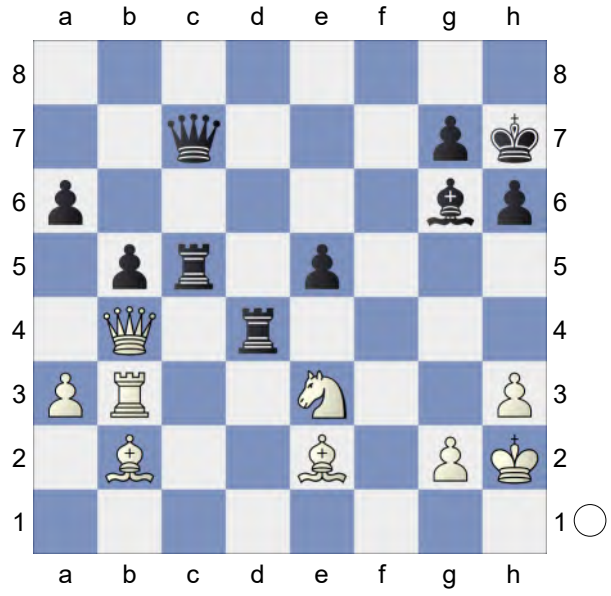


Rd4!



36.Qe1 Qf7 37.Bd1
[37.Bxd4? exd4 38.Qb4 Qc7+ *(38...dxe3? 39.Rxe3 Qc7+ 40.Rg3-+)* 39.Kg1 dxe3 40.Rxe3 Rc1+ 41.Kf2 Qb6-+]
37...Rd8 38.Qb4 Rc7 39.Bxe5 Re7 40.Bg3

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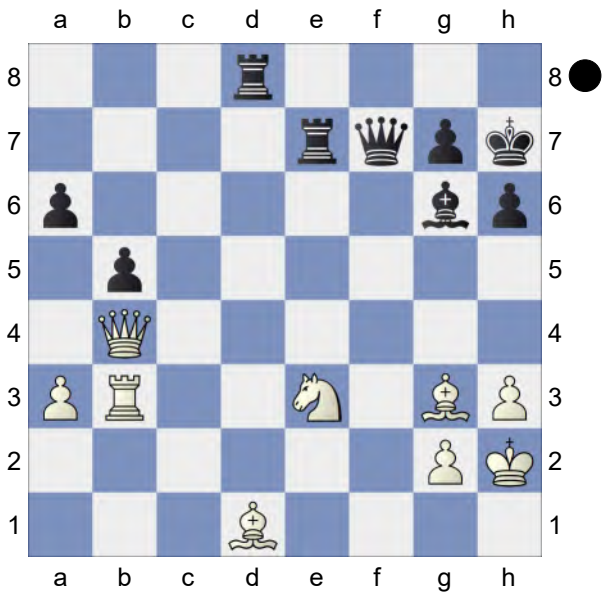
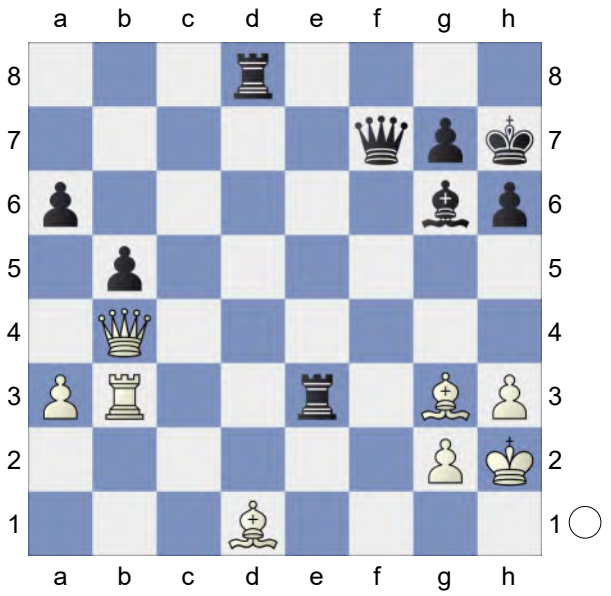


Bf3 is the strong threat. This pair of bishops is nice. **40...Rxe3**



Remove Defender **41.Rxe3 Rxd1 42.Re7**

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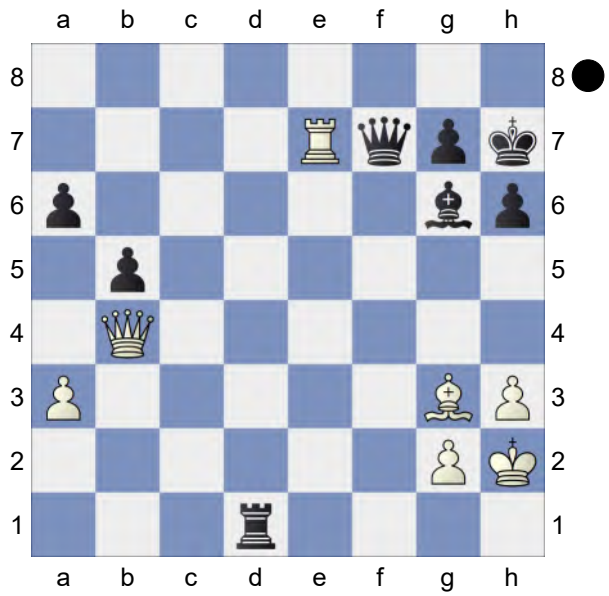
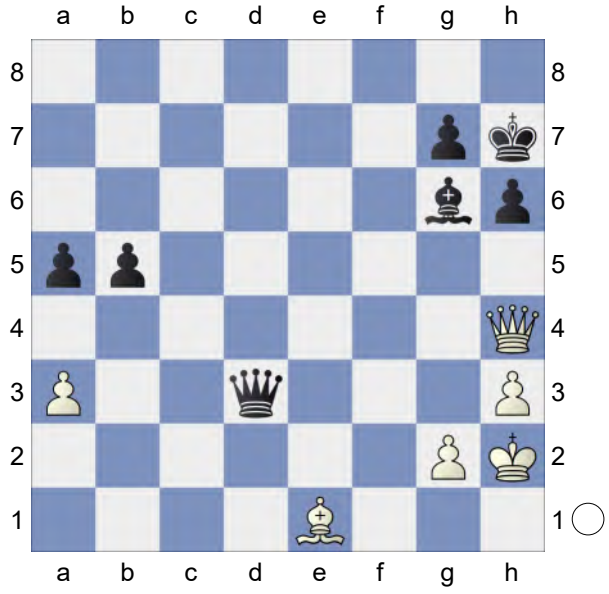


a5! 43.Qh4 Qf1 44.Re1
[44.Be1 looks sharper. a4 45.Qg3 Bf7 46.Qe5]
44...Rxe1 45.Bxe1= Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is a pawn up. **45...Qd3**



46.Qg3 b4 47.axb4
[47.Qxd3 simplifies Bxd3 48.axb4 a4 49.Bc3]
47...a4 48.h4 Be4 49.Bc3 Qxg3+ 50.Kxg3 KB-KB **50...Bc6**

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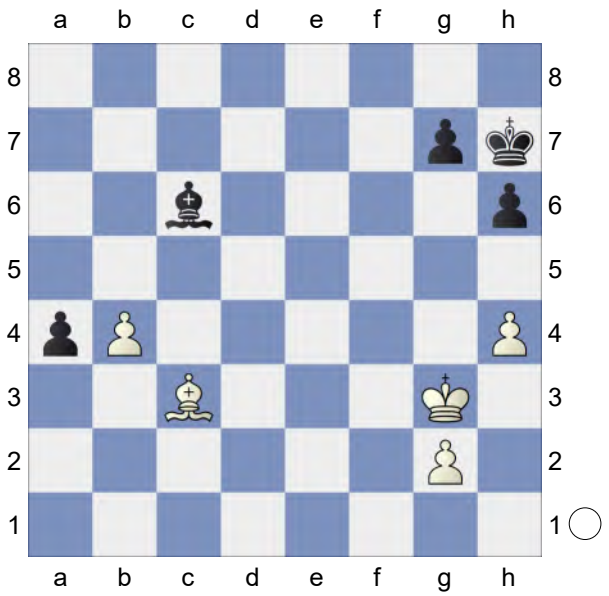

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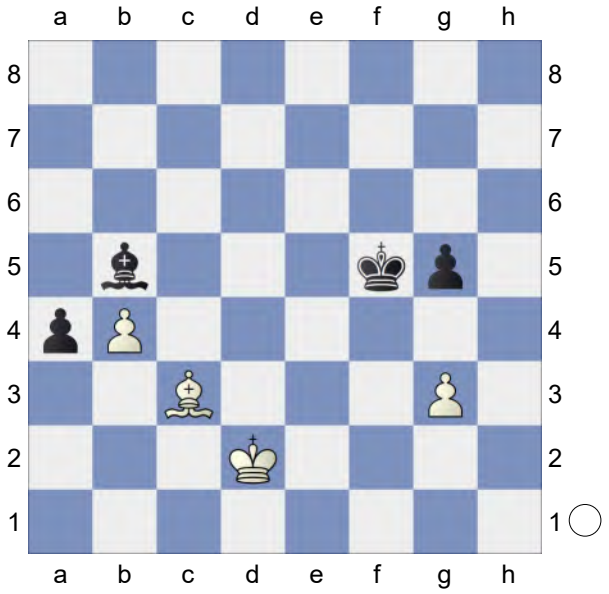

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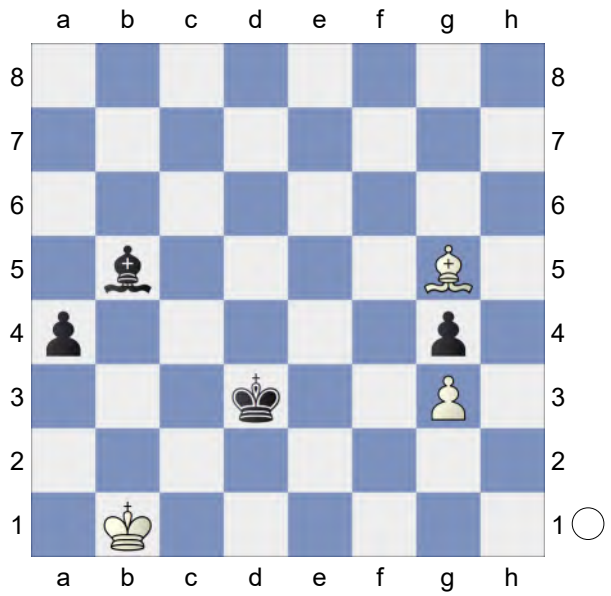

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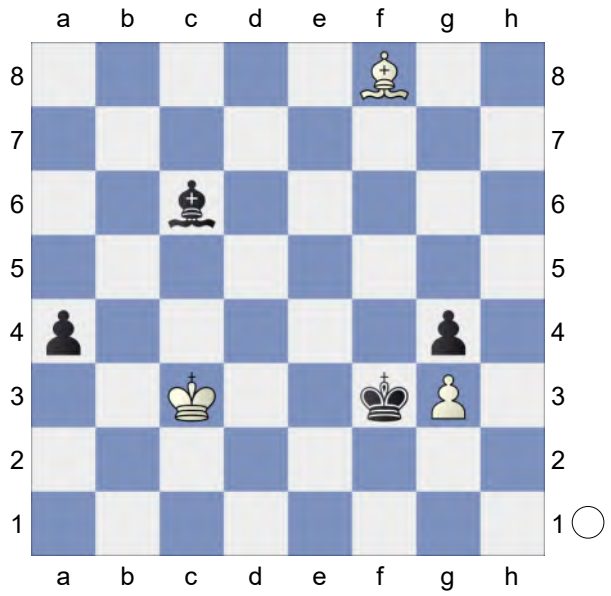

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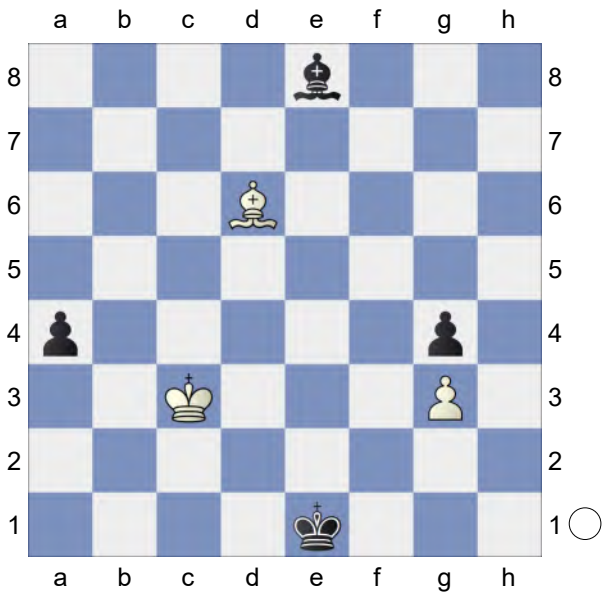

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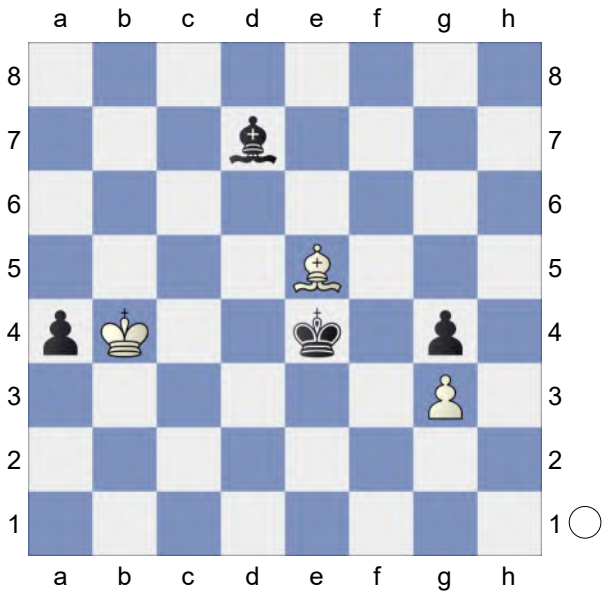

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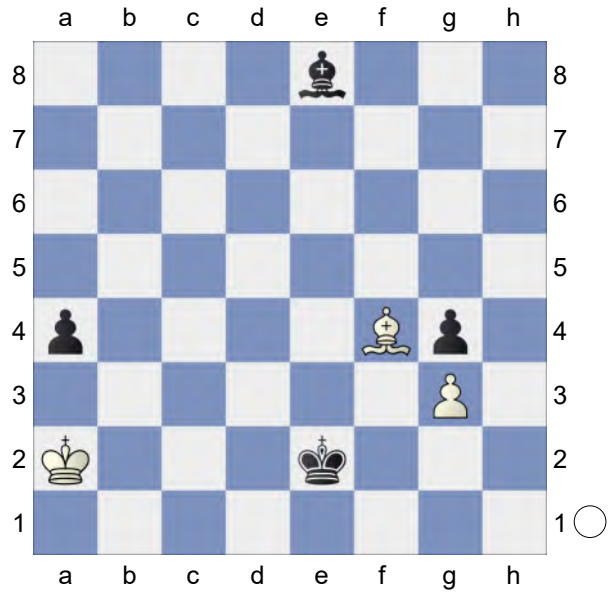

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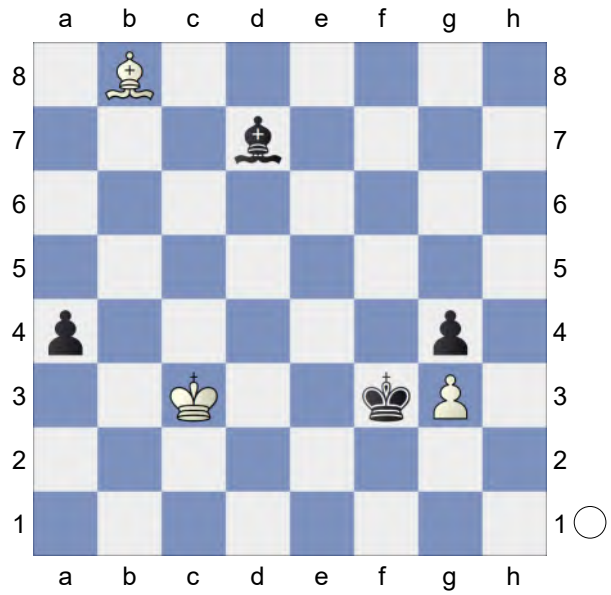

86.Bf4 Bc6 87.Kd3 a3 88.Kc2 a2 89.Kb2 Bd5 90.Ka1 Be6

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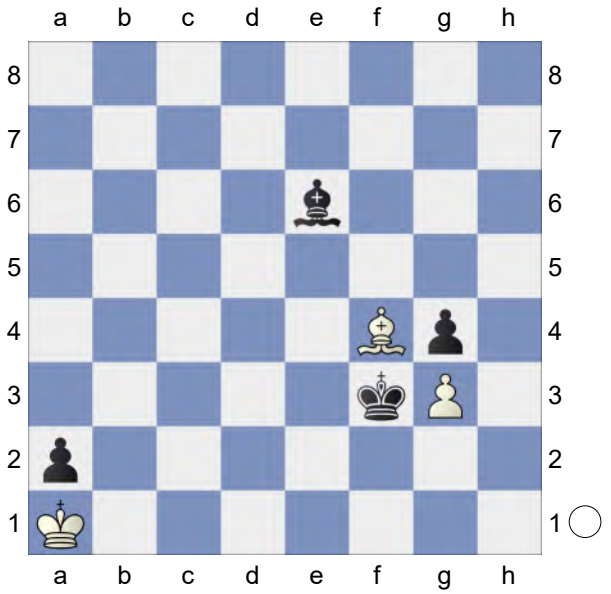

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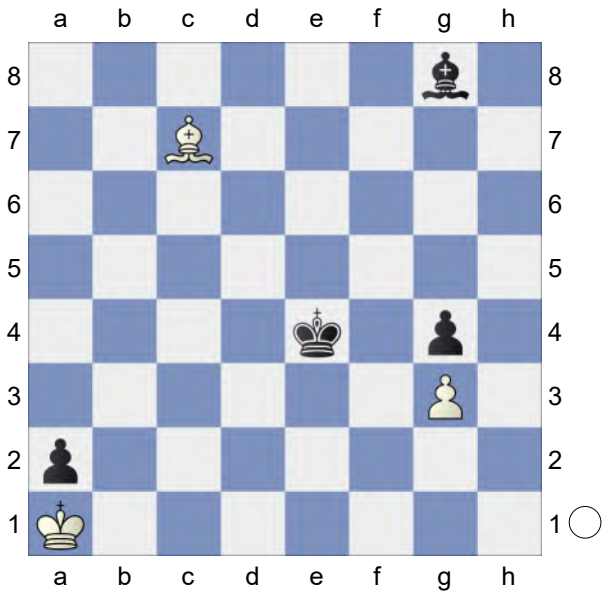

96.Bd6 Bb3 97.Bc7 Bd5 98.Bf4 Bc4 99.Kb2 Be6 100.Bb8 Bb3

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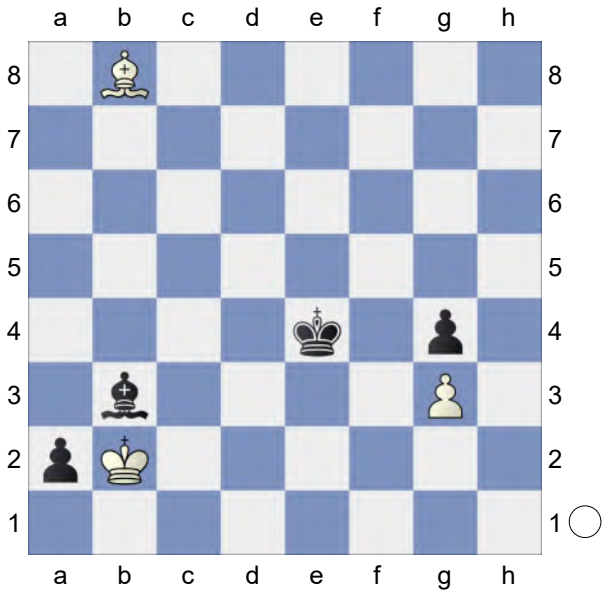
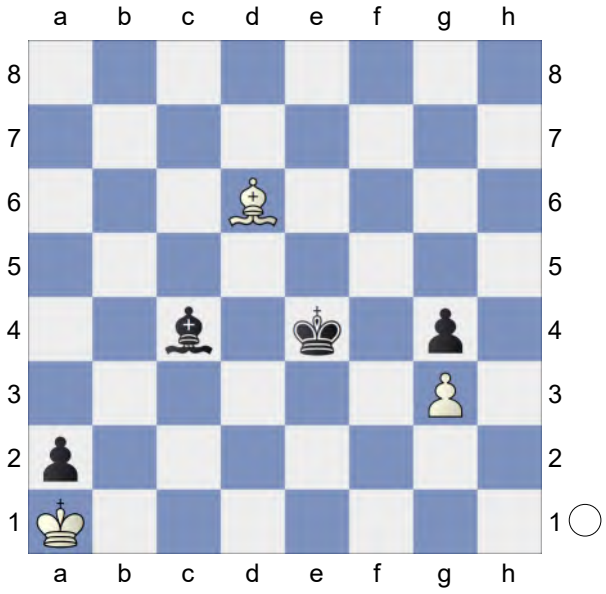


Deflection, Promotion **101.Bf4 Bd5 102.Ka1 Bg8 103.Bb8 Kf3 104.Bf4 Ke4 105.Bd6 Bc4**



106.Bc7 Bf7 107.Bd6 Bg8 108.Bc7 Bb3 109.Bb8 Bc4 110.Kb2 Be6

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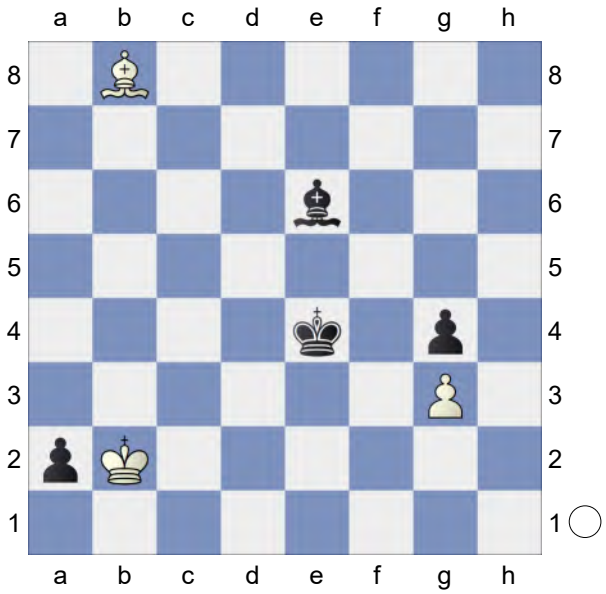
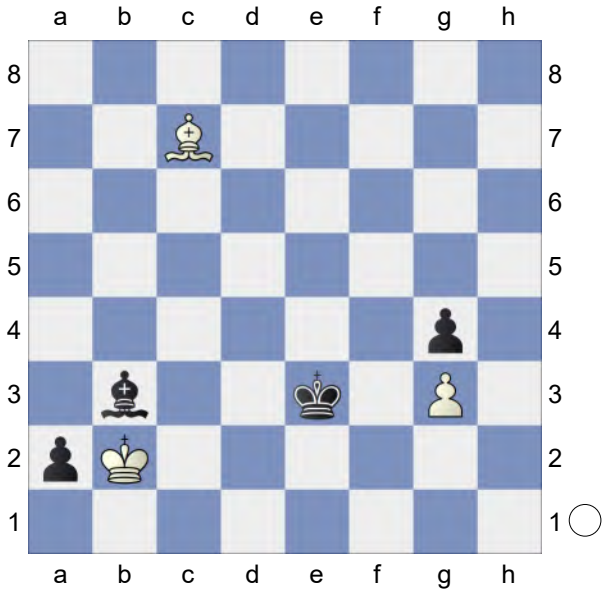


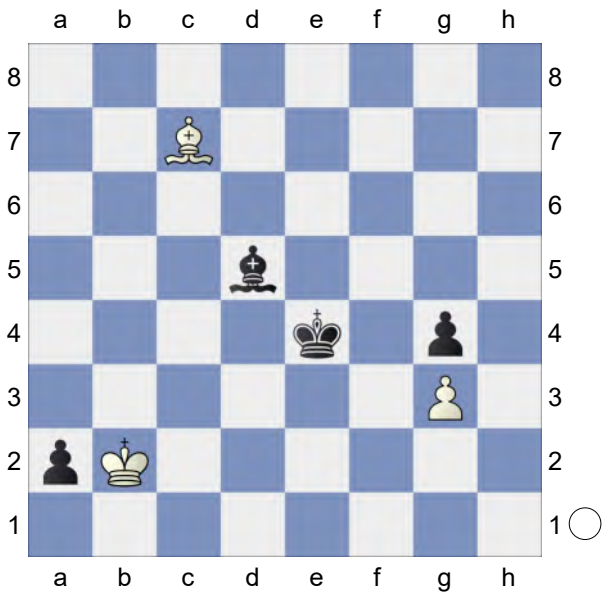
111.Ka1 Bb3 112.Bc7 Be6 113.Bb8 Bc4 114.Bc7 Ke3 115.Kb2 Bb3



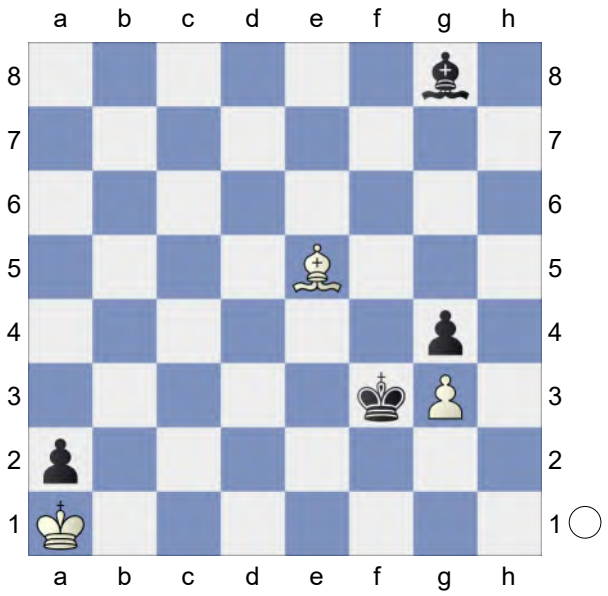
Deflection, Promotion **116.Bb8**

[116.Kxb3 a1Q *(116...a1B 117.Kc2∓)* 117.Bb6+ Ke4 118.Kc4 Qc1+ 119.Kb4 Kd5 120.Kb3 Qb1+ 121.Kc3 Qxb6 122.Kd2 Kc4 123.Ke2 Qg1 124.Kd2 Qf2+ *(124...Qxg3 125.Ke2 Qf4 126.Kd1 Qf2 127.Kc1 Kc3 128.Kd1 Qf1#)* 125.Kc1 Kc3 126.Kd1 Qf1#]

116...Ke4 117.Bf4 Bc4 118.Bc1 Kf3 119.Bf4 Ke4 120.Bc7 Bd5



121.Bd6 Kf3 122.Ka1 Be6 123.Bb8 Bf7 124.Bf4 Bc4 125.Be5 Bg8



126.Bd6 Ke4 127.Kb2 Bc4 128.Bf4

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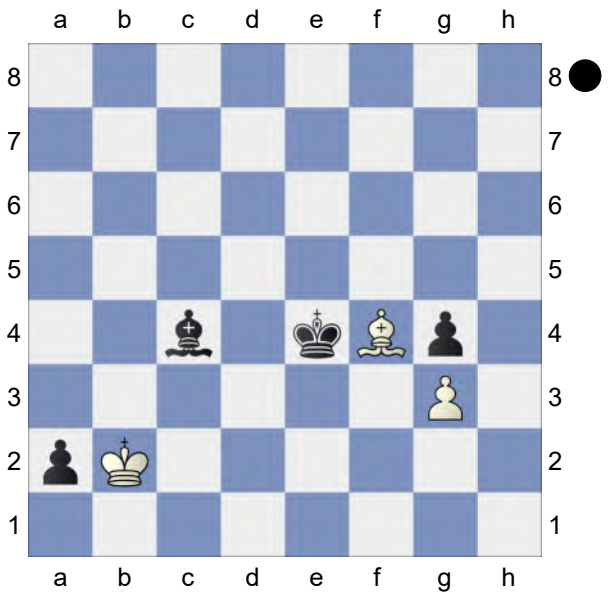
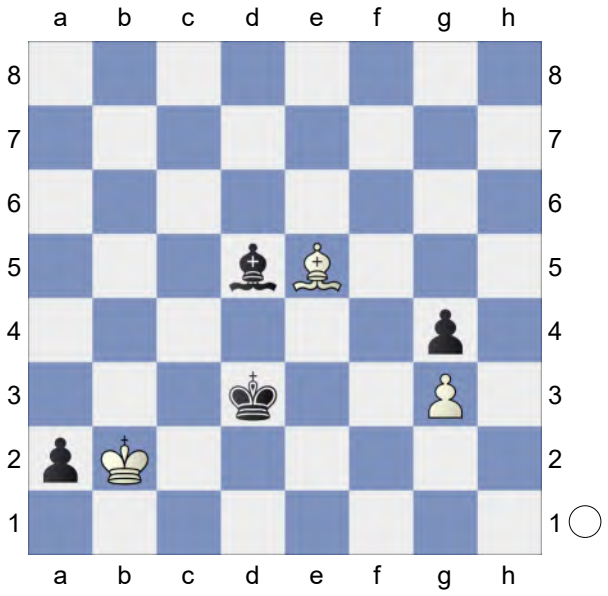
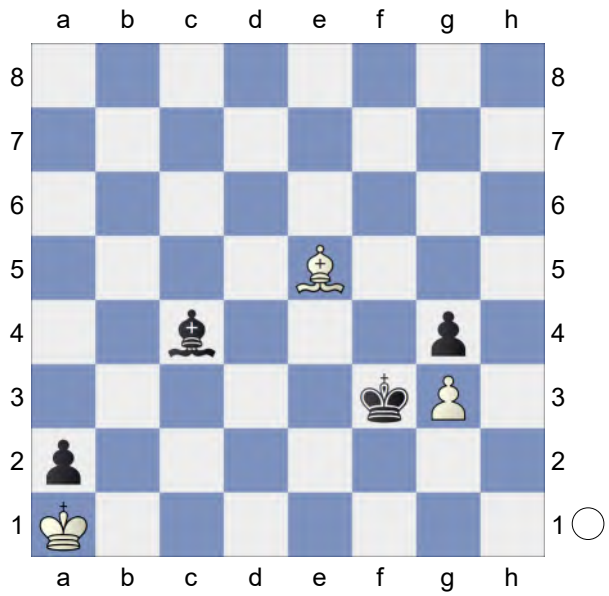


Bb3! Deflection, Promotion **129.Bd6**
[129.Bc7 Kd4]
129...Kd3 130.Be5
[130.Kxb3 a1Q *(130...a1B? 131.Ka2-+)* 131.Bb4 Qb1+ *(131...Qd1+* gets mated. *132.Kb2 Qc2+ 133.Ka1 Qb3 134.Bf8 Kc2 135.Bh6 Qb2#)* 132.Ka4 Kc4 133.Ka5 Qxb4+ 134.Ka6 Qb8 135.Ka5 Qb5#]
130...Bd5



131.Bc7 Ke3 132.Be5 Kf3 133.Ka1 Bc4 134.Bf4 Bd5 135.Be5 Bc4



136.Kb2 Bf7 137.Bb8 Bb3 Deflection, Promotion **138.Ka1**

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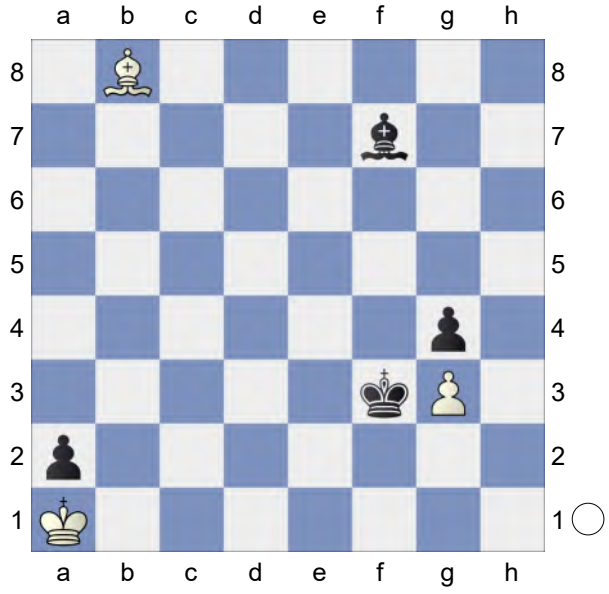
138...Bf7



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5 **C82**

□ **Riptorn** **3049**

■ **Arasanx** **3044**

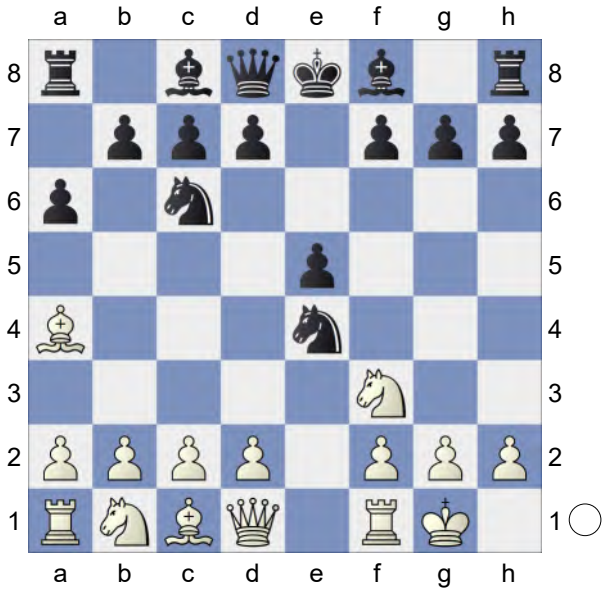
Blitz 05.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

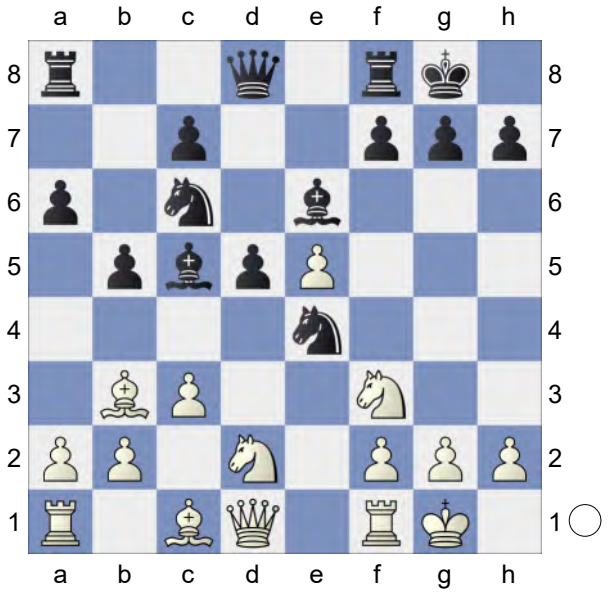
Blitz 5min+2sec

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

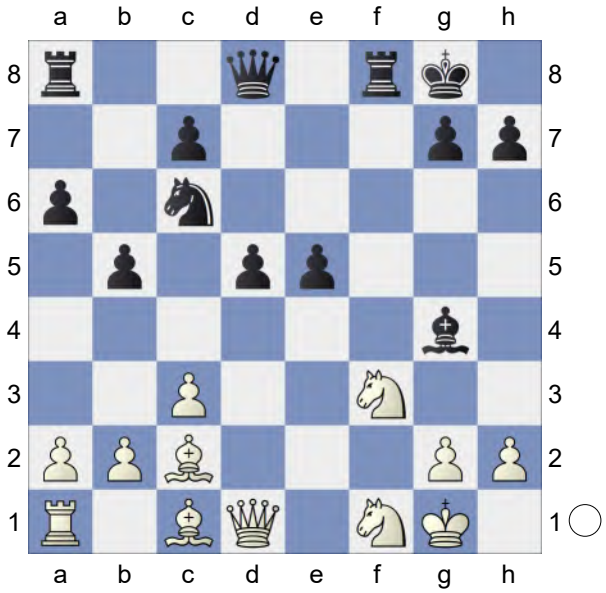
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



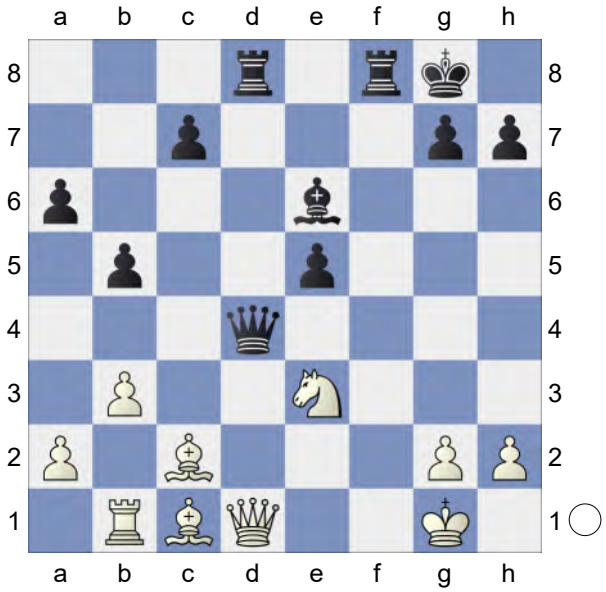
11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1 fxe5 15.Kg1 Bg4**



16.Ne3! Be6 17.b3 d4 18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4

[19.Nxe5 Qf6 20.Bb2 *(20.Qxd4 Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Qe1+)* 20...Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Nxc2 22.Nxc2 c5=]

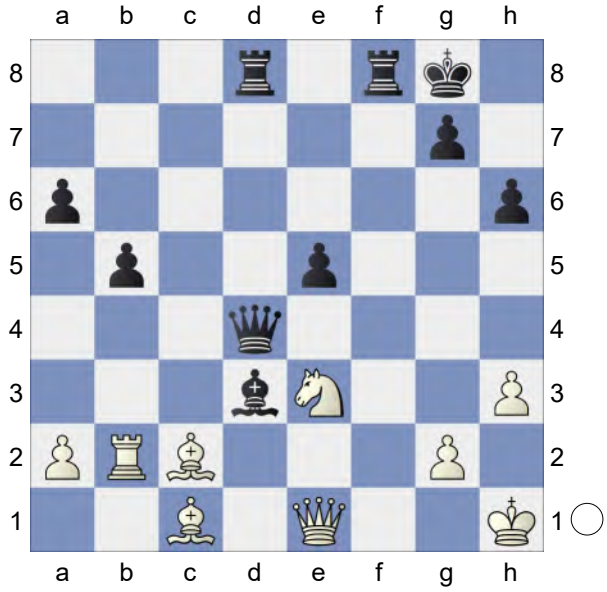
19...Qxd4 20.Rb1 Rad8



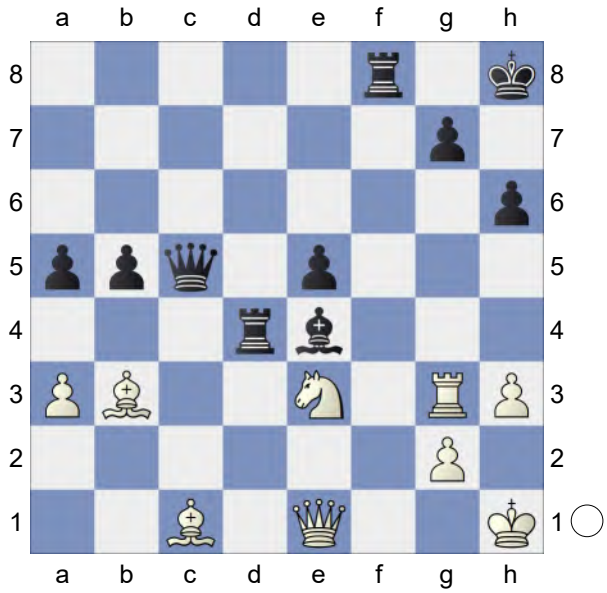
21.h3N White has compensation.

[21.Qe1 Bf5 22.Bb2 Qb6 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Kh1 Rf7 25.h3 Rfd7 26.Rc1 e4 27.b4 Qe6 28.Qh4 Rf8 29.Rc5 Qxa2 30.Bc3 Qf2 31.Qxe4 Rdf7 32.Rg5 h6 33.Rg6 Qe2 34.Rxh6 1-0 Duda,J (2732)-Lysyj,I (2589) Wch Rapid Samarkand 2023 (11)]

21...h6 22.Rb2 c5 23.Qe1! c4 24.bxc4 Bxc4 25.Kh1 Bd3



26.Rb4 Qc5 27.Bb3+ Kh8 28.Rg4 Rd4! 29.Rg3 a5! 30.a3 Be4

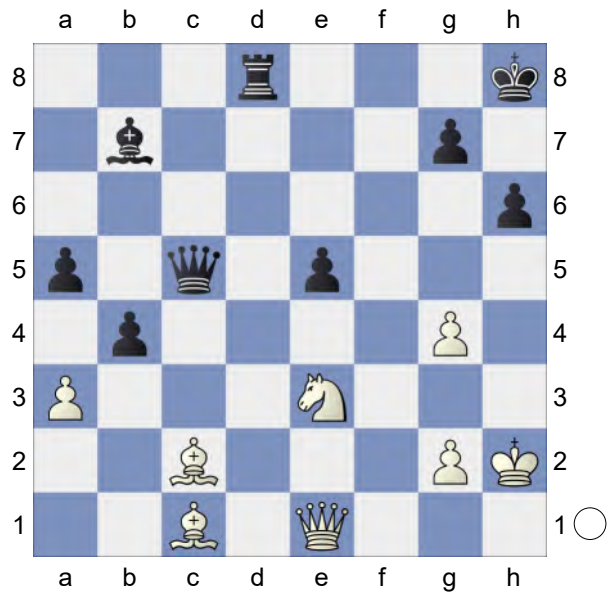


31.Kh2 Rfd8 32.Rg4 0.15/21

[32.Nf1± 0.58/19]

32...Bb7 33.Bc2 Rxg4 The position is equal. **34.hxg4 b4**

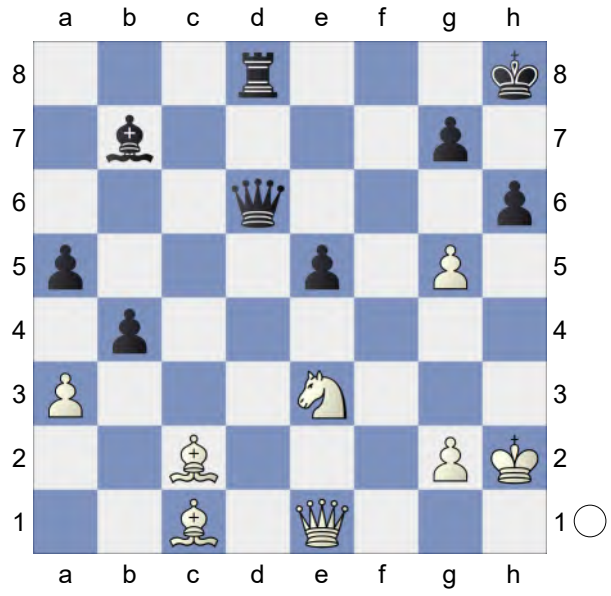
(Diagram)



35.g5! Qd6

[35...bxa3 36.gxh6 e4 *(36...gxh6? 37.Qh4+-)* 37.hxg7+ Kxg7 38.Qg3+ Kf8 39.Qh4+- *(39.Qf4+ Ke7±)*]

[35...hxg5 36.Qg3]



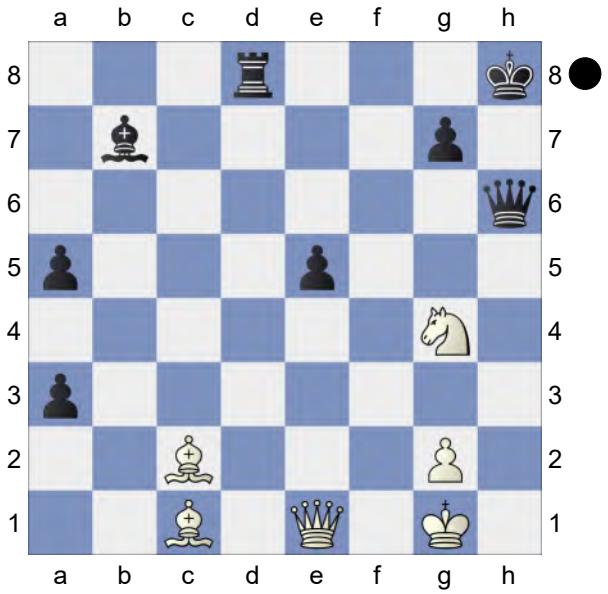
36.Nf5 Qc5 37.Ne3 Qd6

[37...bxa3 38.gxh6 e4 *(38...gxh6? 39.Qh4+-)* 39.hxg7+ Kxg7 40.Qg3+ Kf7 41.Bb3+ Ke8 42.Qg6+ Kd7 43.Nc4+-]

38.gxh6 Qxh6+ 39.Kg1 bxa3

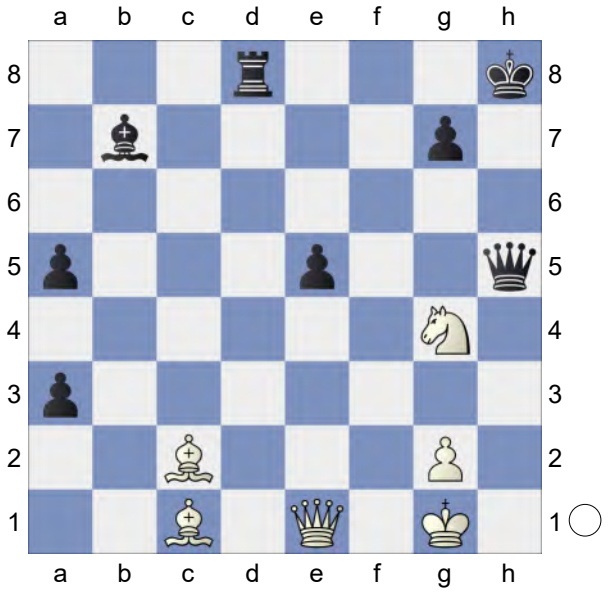
and ...a2 should not be overlooked

40.Ng4



Discovered Attack, Double Attack

40...Qh5



41.Nxe5 Kg8!

[41...Re8? 42.Ng6+ Kh7 43.Qxe8+-]

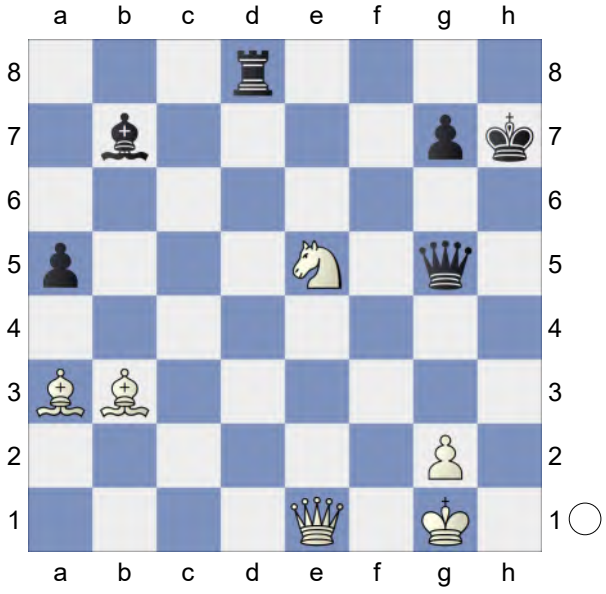
42.Bb3+

[42.Qxa5 Rd5 *(42...Rd1+ 43.Bxd1 Qxd1+ 44.Kh2=)* 43.Bb3 Qd1+ *(43...Qxe5 44.Qb4=)* 44.Bxd1 Rxa5]

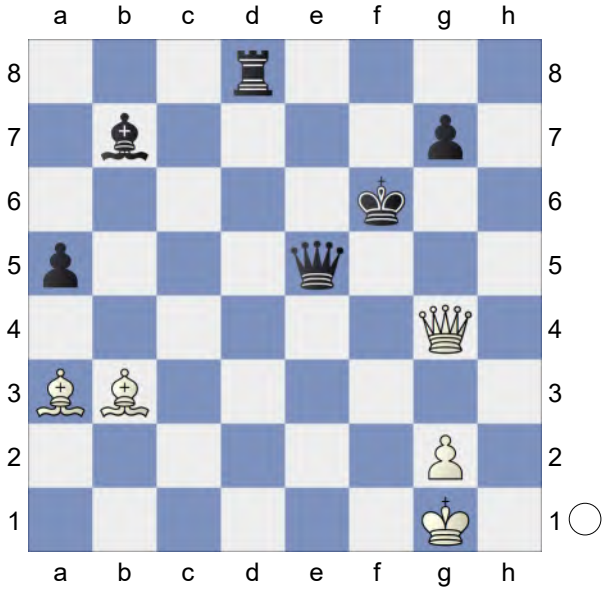
42...Kh7!

[42...Bd5? 43.Qxa5 Qxe5 44.Qxd8++-]

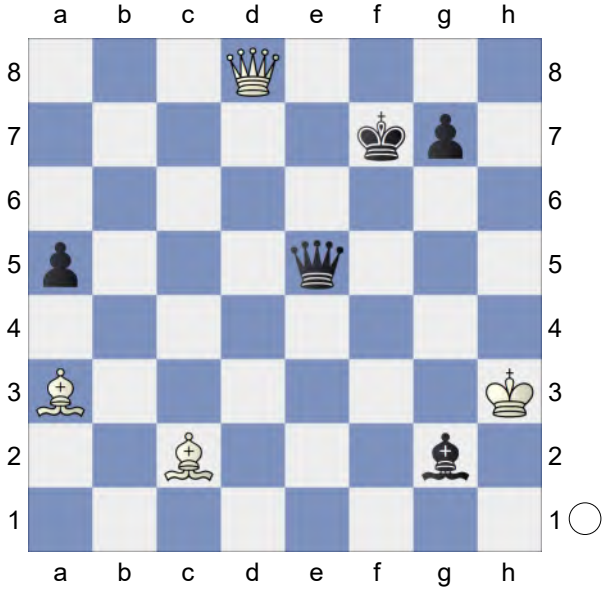
43.Bc2+
[43.Qxa5? Rd1+ 44.Bxd1 Qxd1+ 45.Kf2 Qxc1-+]
[43.Bxa3!? Qg5□ 44.Bc2+ *(44.Qxa5? Qxg2#)* 44...Kg8 45.Be4 *(45.Qxa5? Qxg2#)* 45...Bxe4 *(45...Qxe5? 46.Bh7+* Discovered Attack *Kxh7 47.Qxe5+-)* 46.Qxe4 Rd1+ 47.Kh2±]
43...Kg8 44.Bb3+
[44.Qxa5 Rd5 *(44...Rd1+ 45.Bxd1 Qxd1+ 46.Kf2=)* 45.Bb3 Qd1+ *(45...Qxe5 46.Bxd5+ Qxd5 47.Qxd5+ Bxd5 48.Bxa3=)* 46.Bxd1 Rxa5∓]
44...Kh7!
[44...Bd5? 45.Qxa5 Qxe5 46.Qxd8++-]
45.Bxa3
[45.Qxa5? loses. Rd1+ 46.Bxd1 Qxd1+ 47.Kf2 Qxc1-+]
45...Qg5!



46.Bc2+
[46.Qxa5? Qxg2#]
46...Kg8 47.Bb3+ A strong pair of Bishops.
[47.Qxa5? Qxg2#]
47...Kh7 48.Qf2 Qc2+ would now be deadly. Chess con chili. **48...Qxe5**
[Don't blunder 48...Bxg2? 49.Nf7 Qg4 50.Qxg2+- *(50.Nxd8 Bd5+ 51.Kh2 Qh5+ 52.Kg3 Qg6+ 53.Kf4 Qe4+ 54.Kg3 Qd3+ 55.Kg4 Qg6+ 56.Kf4 Qe4+ 57.Kg5 Qg6+ 58.Kf4=)*]
49.Qh4+ Kg6 50.Qg4+ Kf6

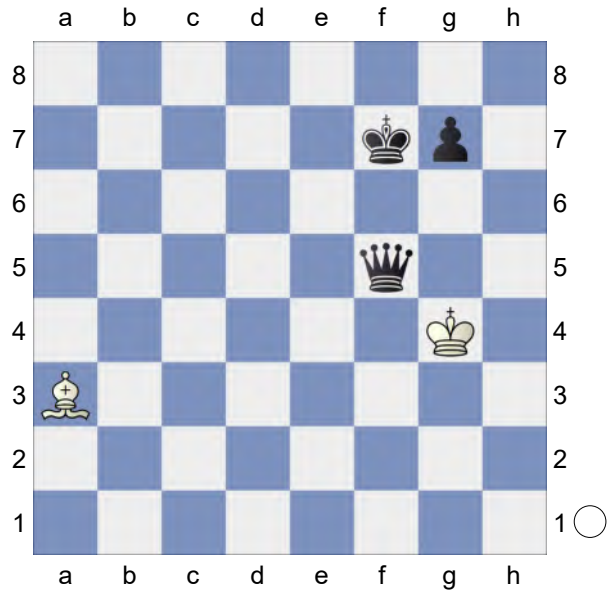


(-> ...Qe3+) **51.Qh4+ Kg6 52.Bc2+ Kf7 53.Qxd8 Qe3+ 54.Kh2 Qe5+ 55.Kh3 Bxg2+**



Decoy **56.Kxg2 Qe2+ 57.Kh3** White threatens Qf8+ and mate.
57...Qxc2 58.Qxa5 Qb3+ 59.Kg4 Qc2

60.Qf5+ Qxf5+



61.Kxf5 g5 62.Bb4 g4

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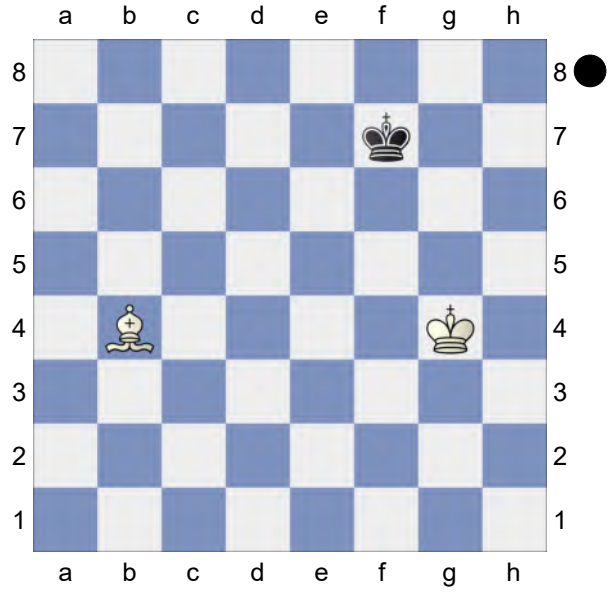
63.Kxg4

[63.Bd6!?]



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6 **C82**

□ **Tomlesspit** **3151**

■ **Magnusglad** **2921**

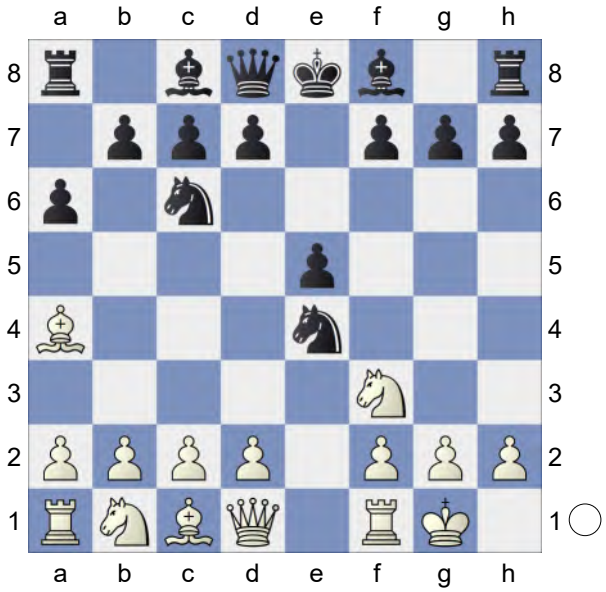
Rapid 21.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

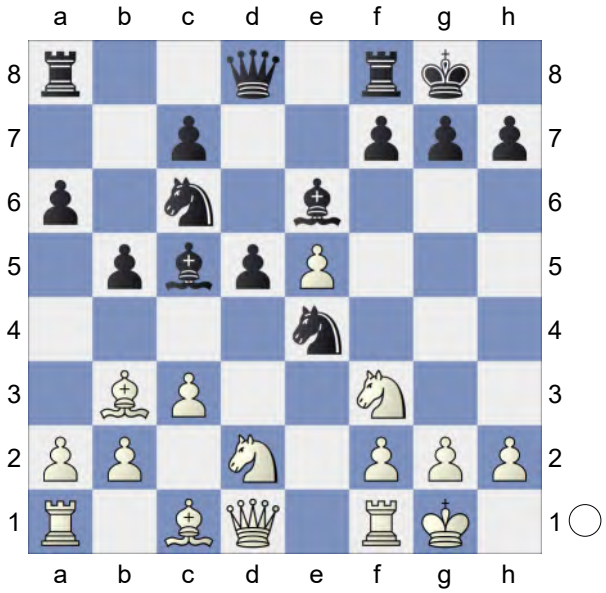
Rapid 15min+2sec

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

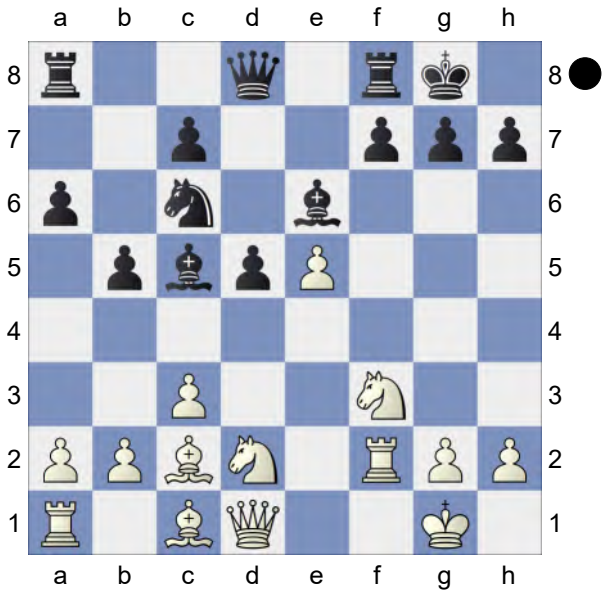
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



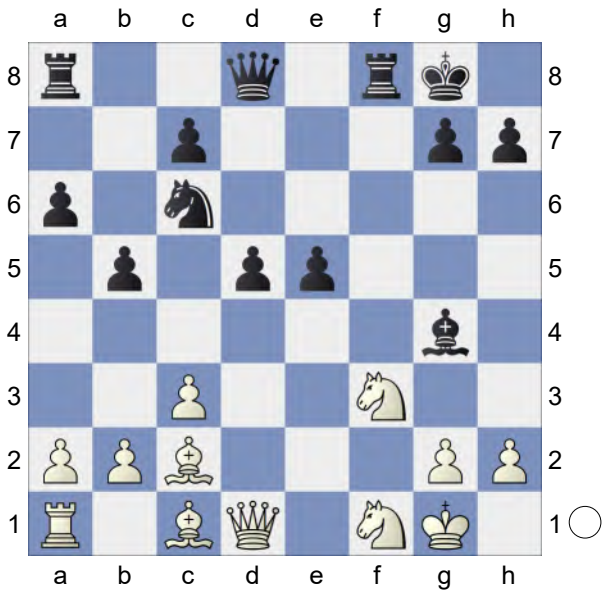
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2



Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better.
13...f6 14.Nf1 fxe5 15.Kg1 Bg4



16.Ne3! White has compensation.
16...Be6 17.b3 d4

[17...a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]

18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Be4N

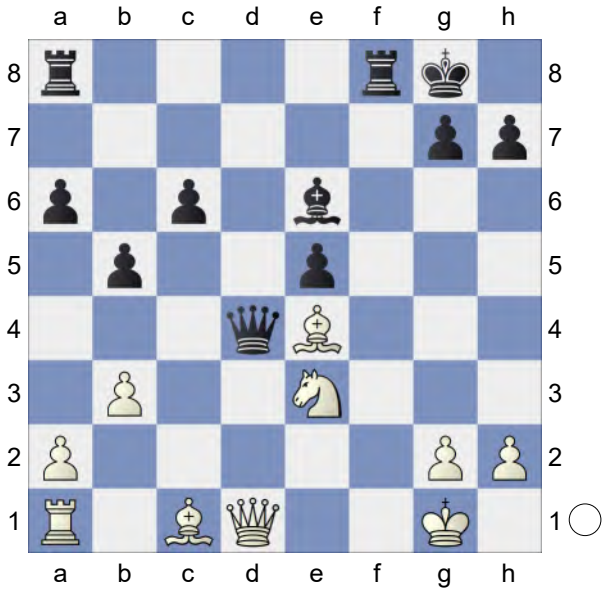
[19.Nxe5 Qf6 20.Bb2 *(20.Qxd4 Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Qe1+)* 20...Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Nxc2 22.Nxc2 c5∓]

[19.Nxd4 exd4 *(19...Qxd4 20.Rb1 Rad8 21.Qe1 Bf5 22.Bb2 Qb6 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Kh1 Rf7 25.h3 Rfd7 26.Rc1 e4 27.b4 Qe6 28.Qh4 Rf8 29.Rc5 Qxa2 30.Bc3 Qf2 31.Qxe4 Rdf7 32.Rg5 h6 33.Rg6 Qe2 34.Rxh6* 1-0 Duda,J (2732)-Lysyj,I (2589) Wch Rapid Samarkand 2023 (11) *)* 20.Bb2 dxe3 *(20...c5 21.Qh5 h6 22.Qg6 Rf6 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Bd1* 10. Ruy Lopez Open-Open 6...b5,9*)* 21.Qh5 g6 22.Bxg6 Qe7 23.Re1 Rf2 24.Rxe3 Rxb2 25.Bxh7+ Kg7 26.Rg3+ Kf8 27.Be4 10. Ruy Lopez Open-Open 6...b5,9]

19...c6 20.Nxd4

[20.Nxe5 Qf6 21.Nd3 *(21.Qxd4* gets mated. *Qf2+ 22.Kh1 Qe1+)* 21...Rad8∓]

20...Qxd4

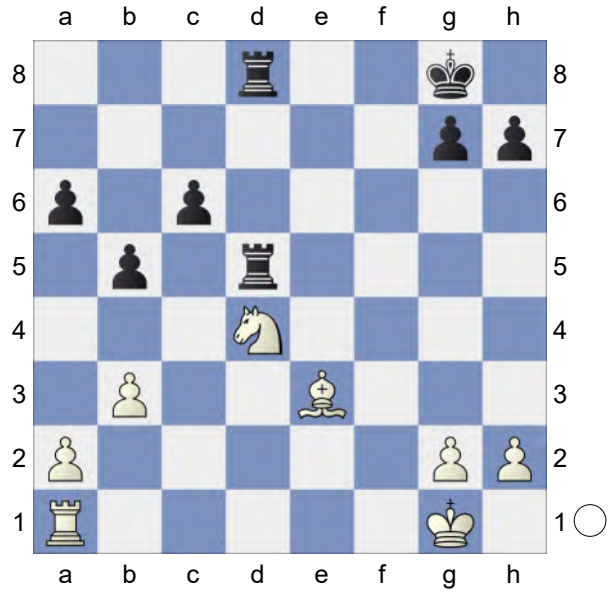


The position is equal. **21.Qxd4 exd4 22.Nc2 Bf5 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Nxd4 Rd5 25.Be3**

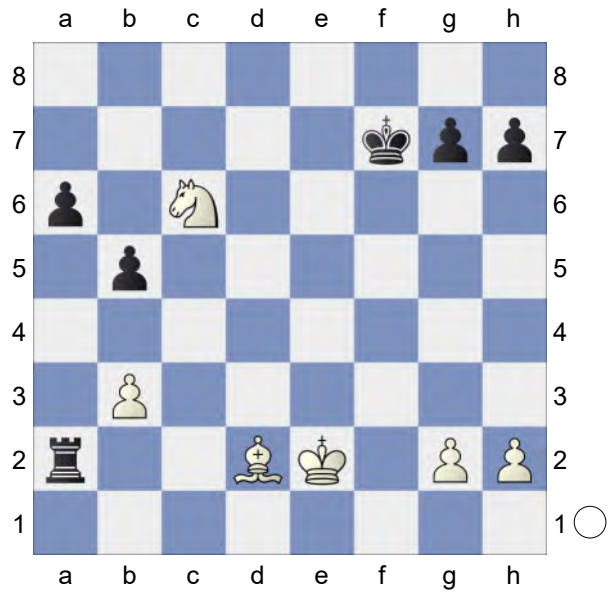
[25.Nxc6 Rd1+ 26.Kf2 Rf8+ 27.Ke2

Rff1-+]

25...Rad8



26.Nxc6 Rd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Kf2 Ra1 29.Ke2 Rxa2+ 30.Bd2! Kf7



31.Kd3 Ke6 32.Nd4+ Kd5

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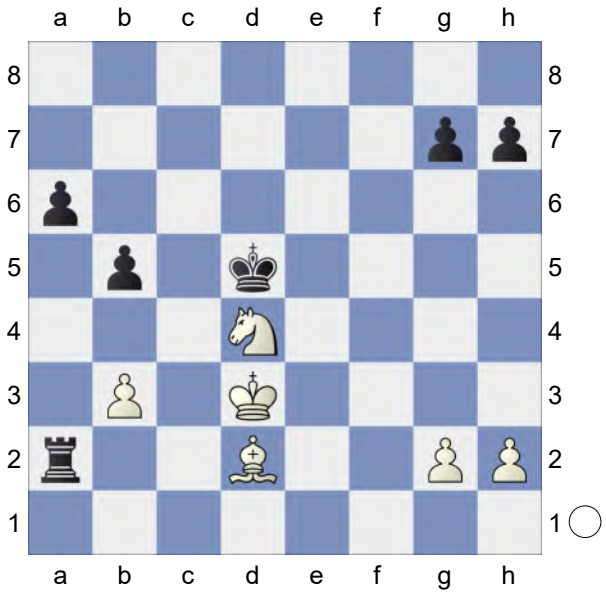
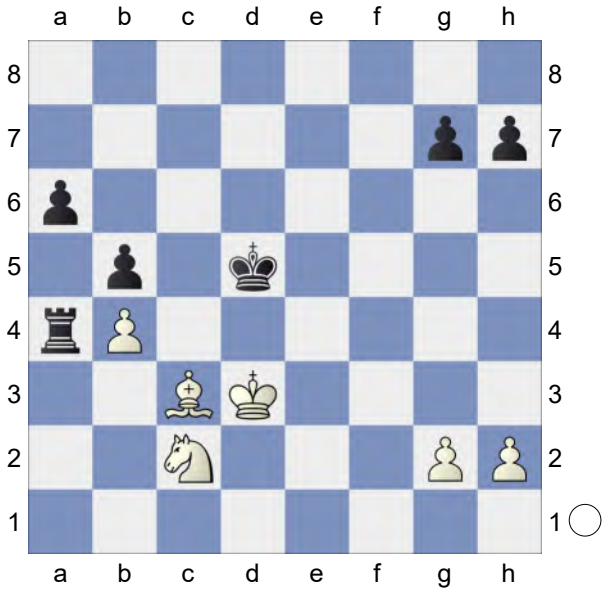


...Rxd2+! would now be deadly. **33.Nc2** Hoping for Nb4+. **33...Kd6 34.b4 Ra4! 35.Bc3 Kd5**



36.Bxg7 a5 37.bxa5 Rxa5 38.g3 Ra4 39.h3 Ra8 40.g4 Ra4

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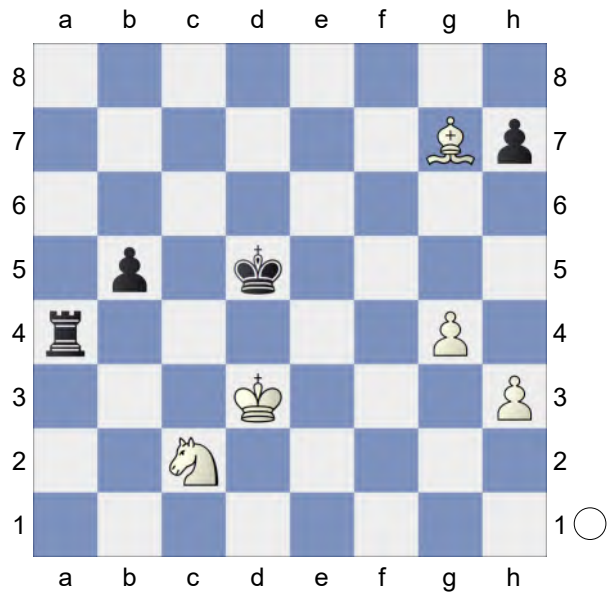
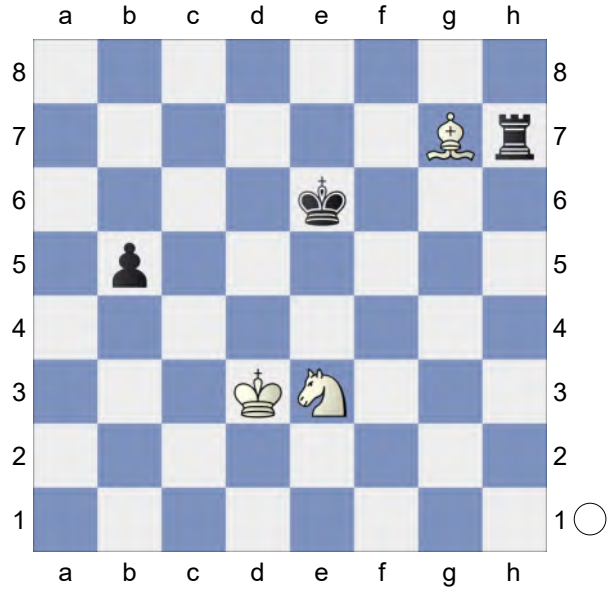
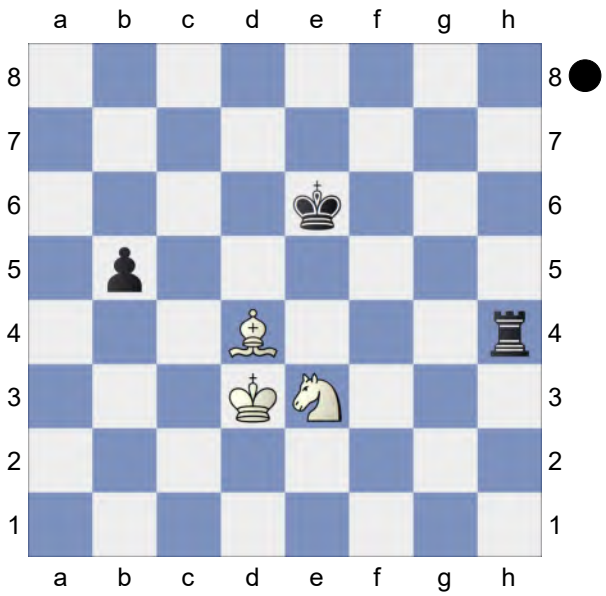


41.h4 h5
[41...Rxg4? loses. 42.Ne3+ Ke6 43.Nxg4+-]
42.gxh5 Rxh4 43.h6 Rh3+ 44.Ne3+ Ke6 45.h7 Rxh7



46.Bc3 Rh4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
47.Bd4

(Diagram)



Loss on time!?
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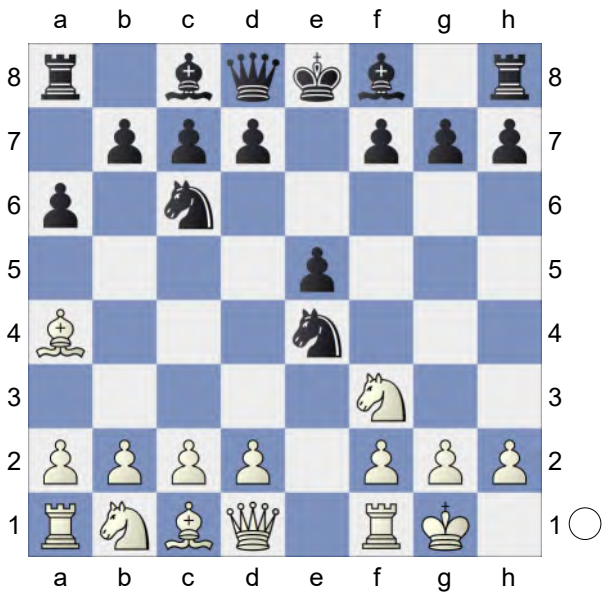
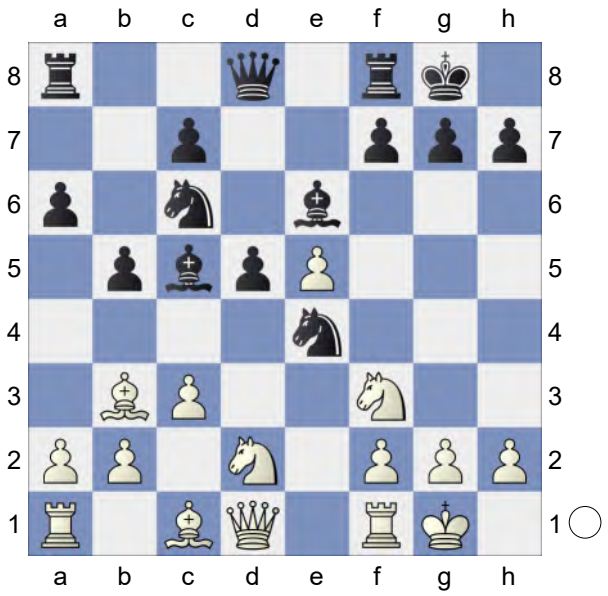
7 **C82**
□ **Fatihmertbot** **2976**
■ **Solidor59** **2942**
Blitz 04.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

(Diagram)

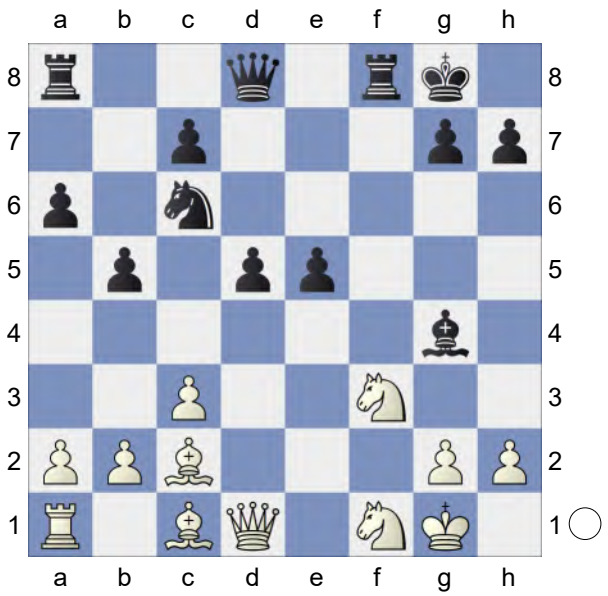


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

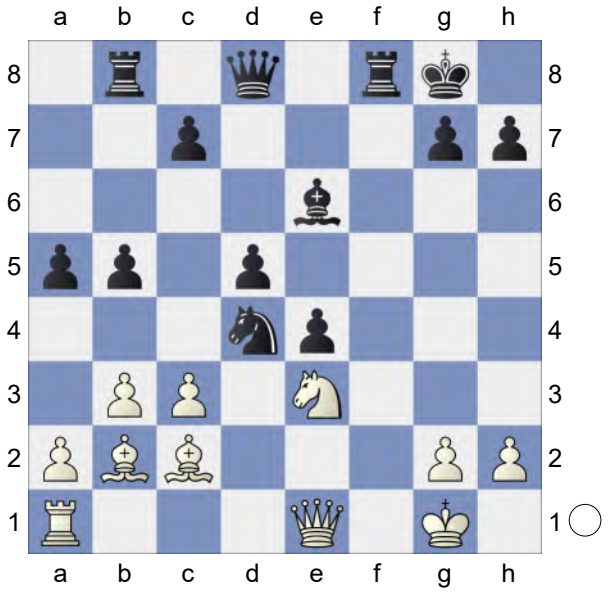


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.Nf1 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Bg4**

(Diagram)



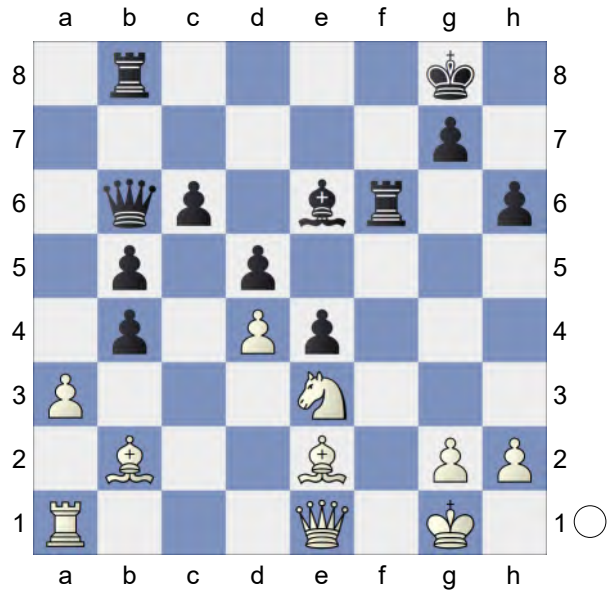
16.Ne3! White has compensation. **16...Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4**



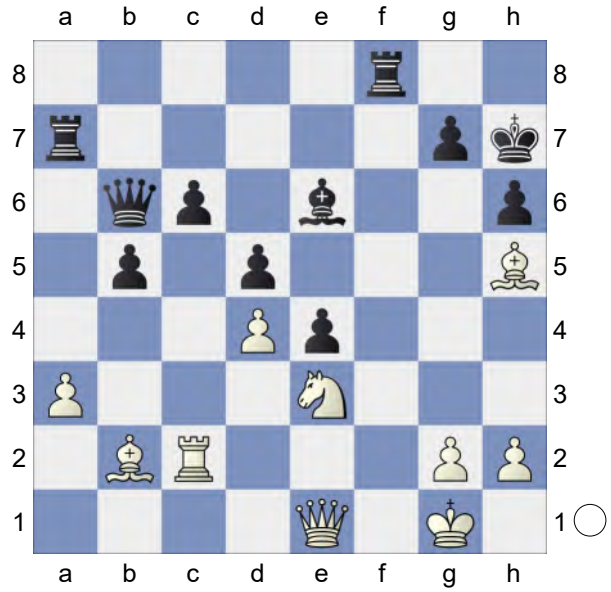
21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.b4N

[25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 Qxb3 33.Bh5 c5 34.Be5 cxd4 35.Bxd4 Qb8 36.Qc1 Qd6 37.Qc3 Bxh3 38.Be5 Qf8 39.Qc6 Qe7 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]

25...axb4



26.Qxb4 Rbf8 27.Qe1 Rf2 28.Rc1 Kh7 29.Rc2 R2f7 30.Bh5 Ra7



31.Rc5 Bd7 32.Nc2 Be8 33.Be2 Raf7 34.Bc3 Bd7 35.Bb4 Rf2

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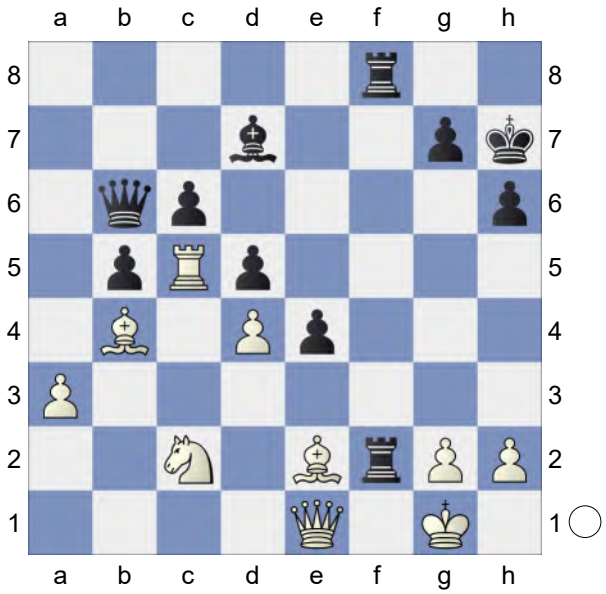


36.Rc3 R8f7 37.Bd6 Qa5! 38.Re3

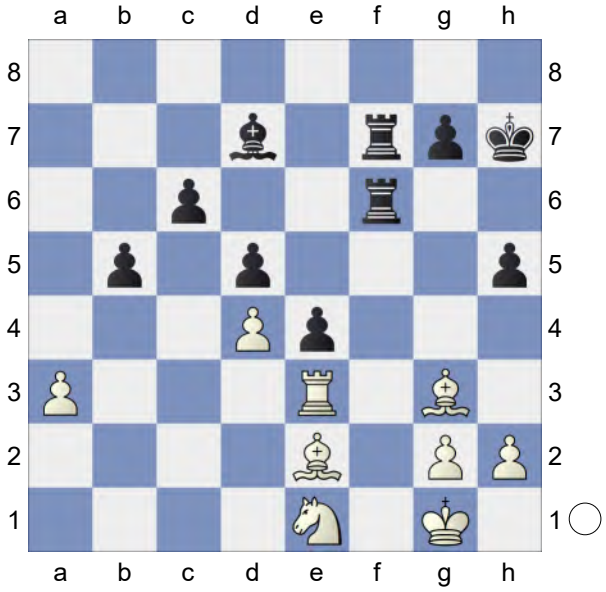
The board is on fire.

[38.Bb4 seems wilder. Qd8 39.Rg3 Qf6 40.Bd2]

38...Qxe1+ 39.Nxe1 h5 40.Bg3

[40.Bxh5? Rf1#]

40...R2f6



41.h3 Prevents Bg4

[41.Bxh5? Rf1#]

41...Kh6 42.Nc2 g5 43.Be1 Kg6 44.Rc3 Rf8 45.Rb3 R8f7

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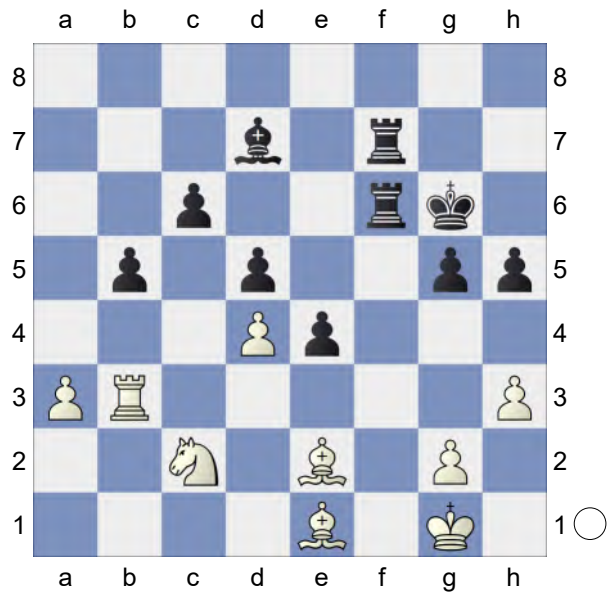
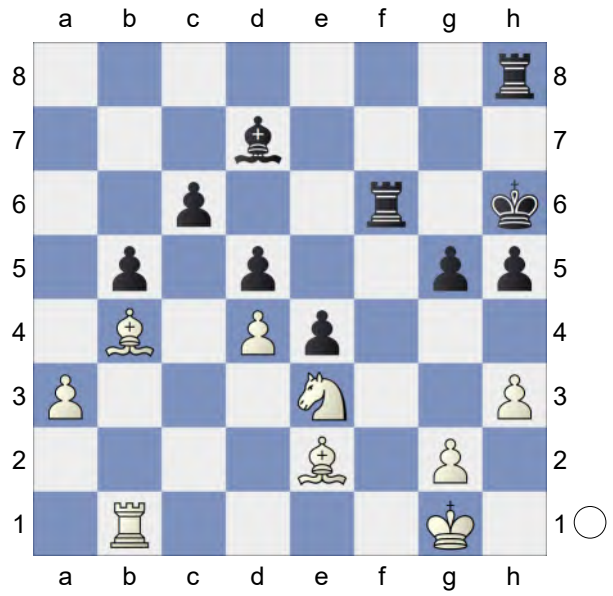


46.Ne3 Rg7 47.Bb4 Rgf7 48.Rb1 Kh6 49.Be1 Rf8 50.Bb4 Rh8



51.Rb2 Rh7 52.Rc2 Rh8 53.Nf1 Kg6 54.Be7 Re6 55.Bb4 Rf6

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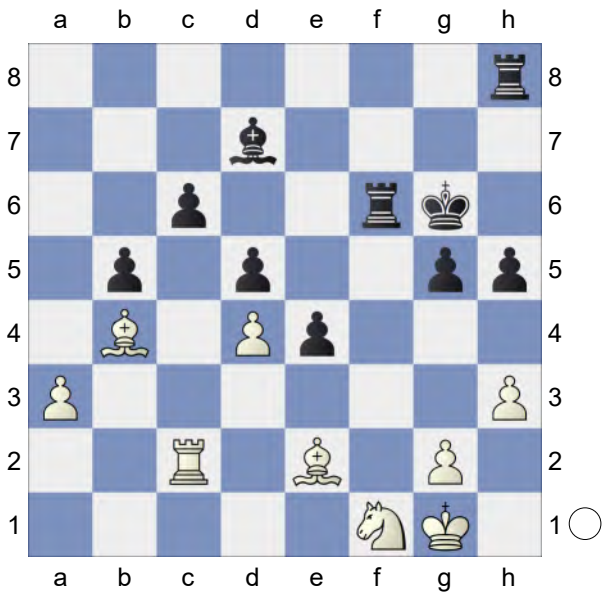
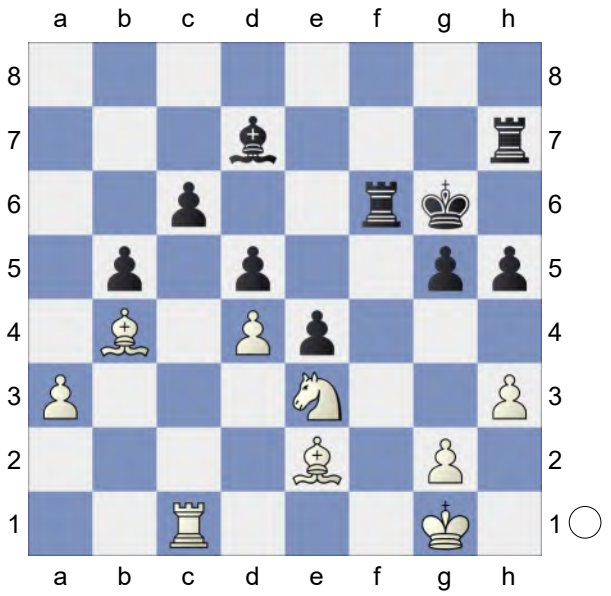


56.Rc3 Rh7 57.Ng3 Be8 58.Nf1 Bd7 59.Ne3 Rhf7 60.Rc1 Rh7



61.Nf1 Rg7 62.Ng3 Rh7! 63.Nf1 Rg7 64.Ne3 Rgf7 65.Nd1 Rg7

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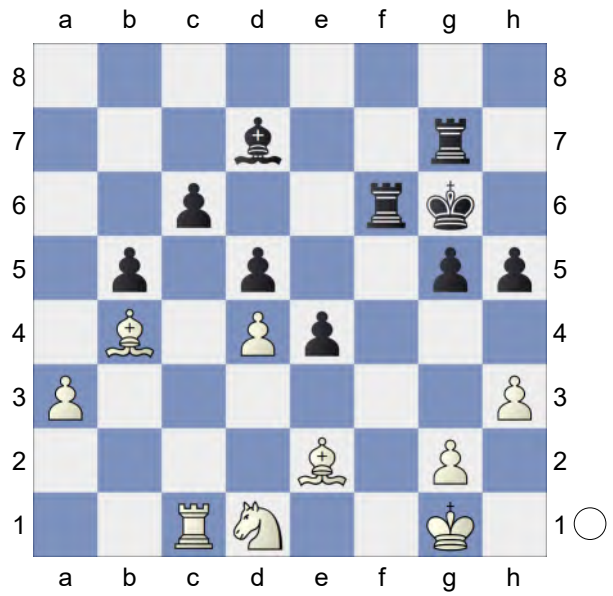
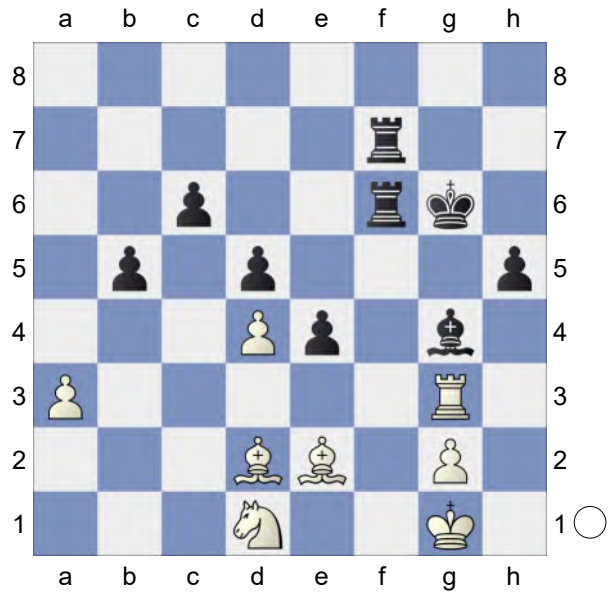
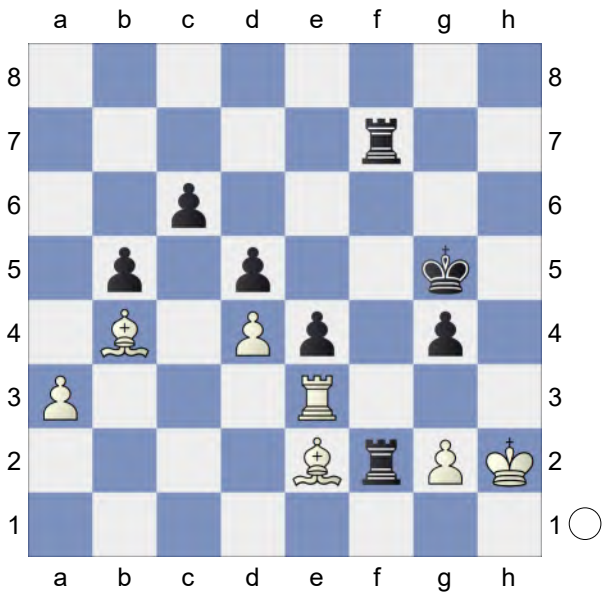


66.Rc2 Rh7 67.Rc3 Rg7 68.Rg3 Rgf7 69.Bd2 g4! 70.hxg4 Bxg4

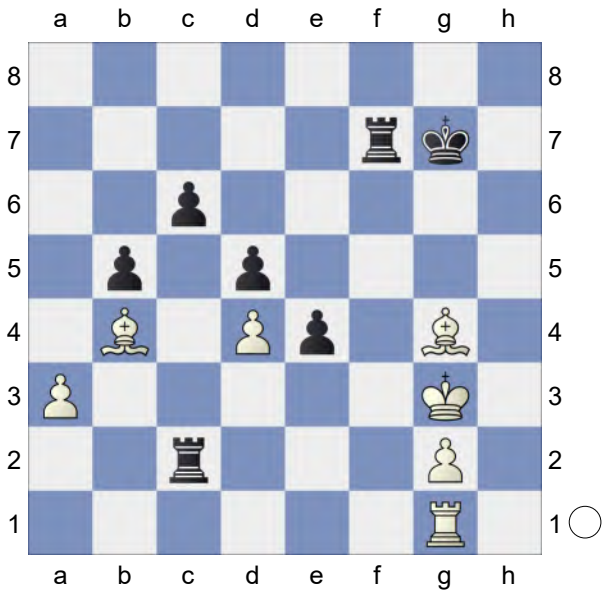


71.Ne3! Rf2 72.Nxg4 hxg4 73.Re3!
[73.Rxg4+ Kh7 74.Rh4+ Kg8 75.Rg4+ Kh7 76.Rh4+ Kg8 77.Rg4+ Kh7=]
73...R2f4 74.Bb4 Kg5 75.Kh2
White is more active. **75...Rf2**

(Diagram)



76.Kg3 Kg6 77.Bxg4
[77.Kxg4? Rxg2+ 78.Kh3 Rff2-+]
77...Rc2! 78.Re1 Kg7 79.Rh1 Rff2 80.Rg1 Rf7



81.Bh5 A strong pair of Bishops.
81...Rf6 82.Be7 Re6! 83.Bb4 Rf6
Inhibits Rf1. **84.Re1 Rf5 85.Bg4 Rf7**

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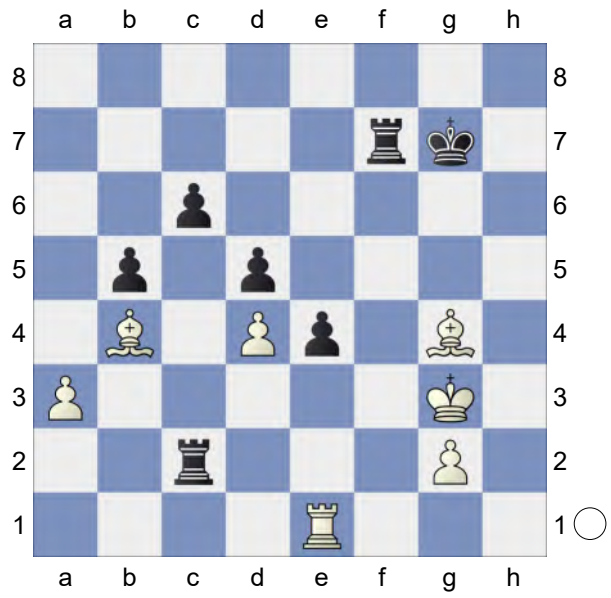
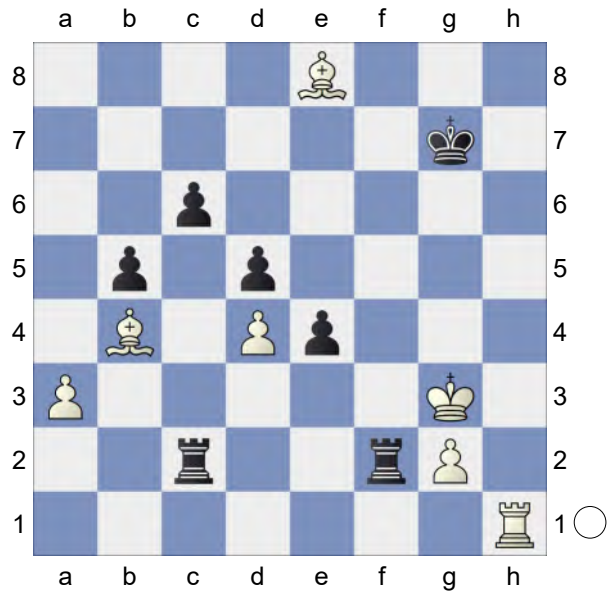


86.Rh1 Rff2 87.Rg1 Rf6 88.Bh5 Kh6 89.Rh1 Kg7! 90.Be8 Rff2



91.Rg1 Rf6! 92.Rh1 Rff2 93.Rg1 Rf6 94.Bd7 Rf7 95.Bg4 Rf6

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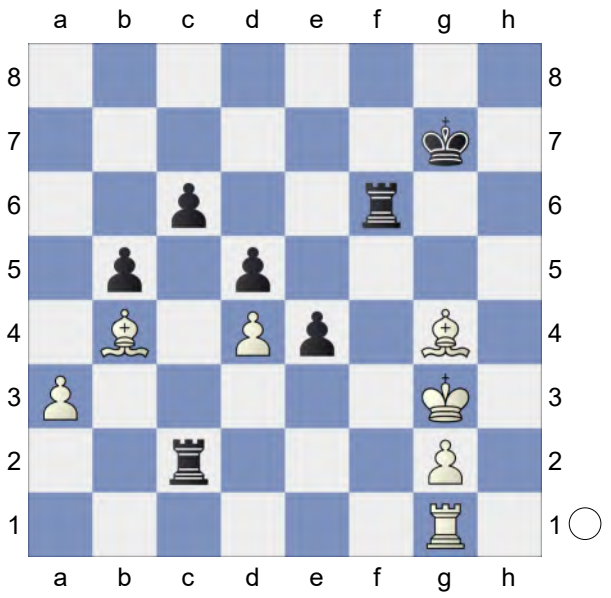
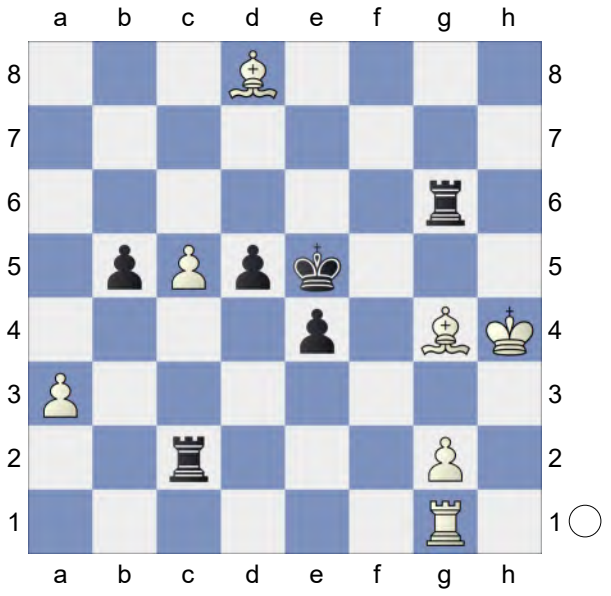


96.Kh4 Rg6 97.Ba5! c5 98.dxc5 Kf6
1.40/20 Against Bf5
[Black should try 98...Rxc5 0.90/22
99.Bf5 Rh6+ 100.Kg4 Kf6]
99.Bd8+ Ke5



100.Bc7+! Kd4

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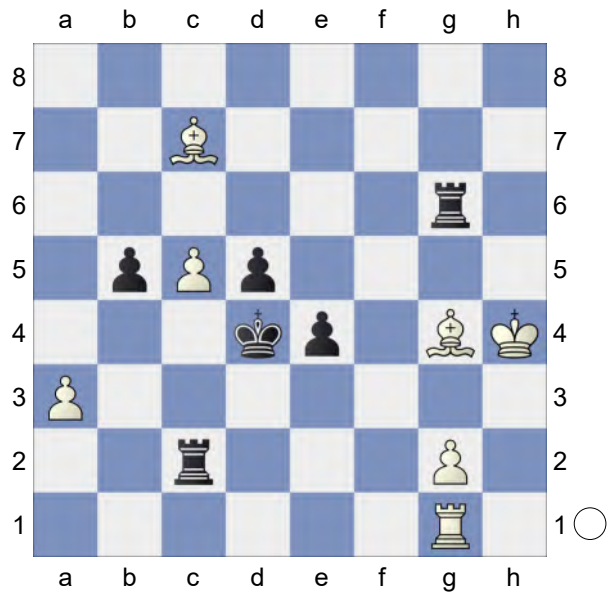
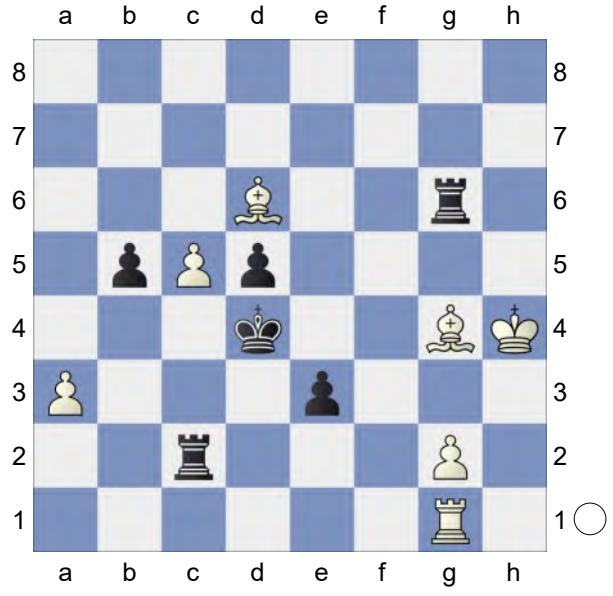


101.Bd6 Loses the game. **101...e3?** 5.76/22

[101...Ke3± 0.82/19 102.Bf5
(102.Re1+ Kf2±) 102...Kf2
(102...Rcxg2? is the wrong capture.
103.Rxg2 Rxg2 104.c6+-)]



102.Bf5!+- Rgxg2 103.Rxg2 Rxg2 104.c6 Black must now prevent c7. **104...Rg7** and ...e2 would now be decisive **105.Bg4 Kc4**

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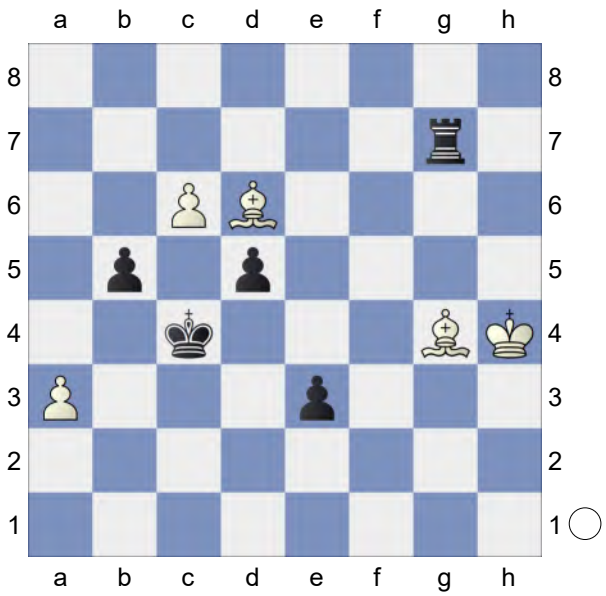
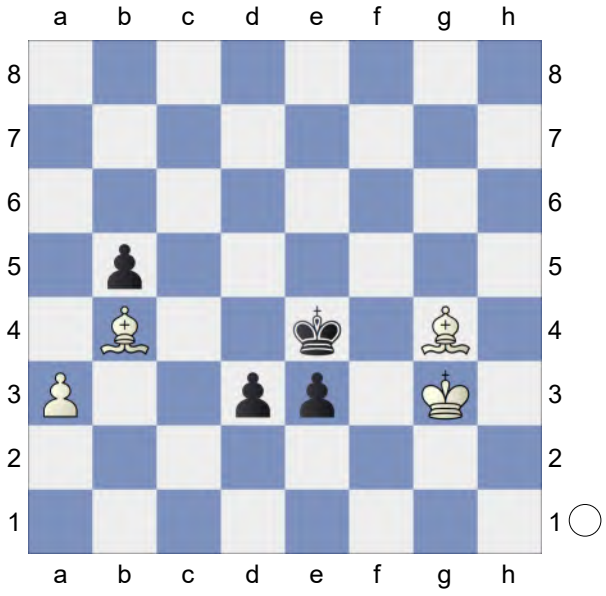


106.c7 Rxc7 107.Bxc7 d4 108.Bd6 d3 109.Bb4 Kd4 110.Kg3 Ke4



111.Bc3 e2 112.Kf2 Kf4 White is clearly winning. **113.Bd7 b4 114.axb4** White threatens b5 and mate. **114...Ke4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **115.Bg4**

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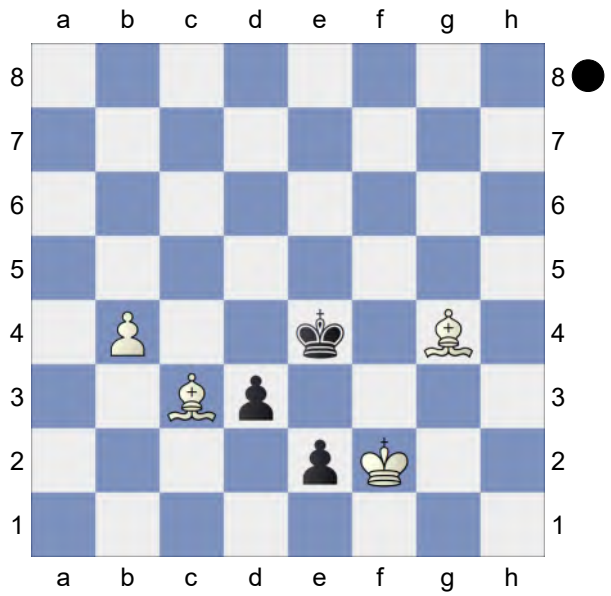

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8 **C82**

□ **Yuligpro5** **3081**

■ **Solidor59** **2933**

Blitz 28.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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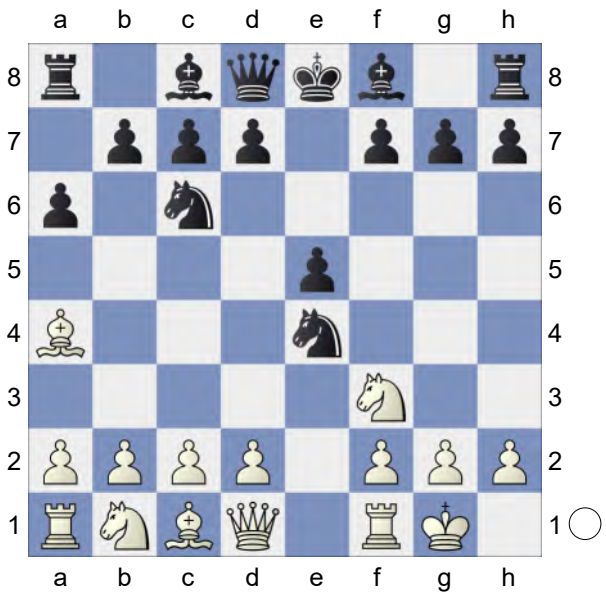
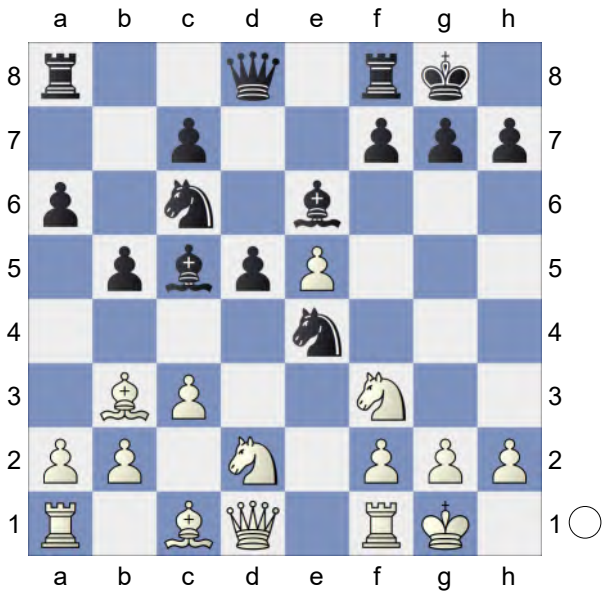


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

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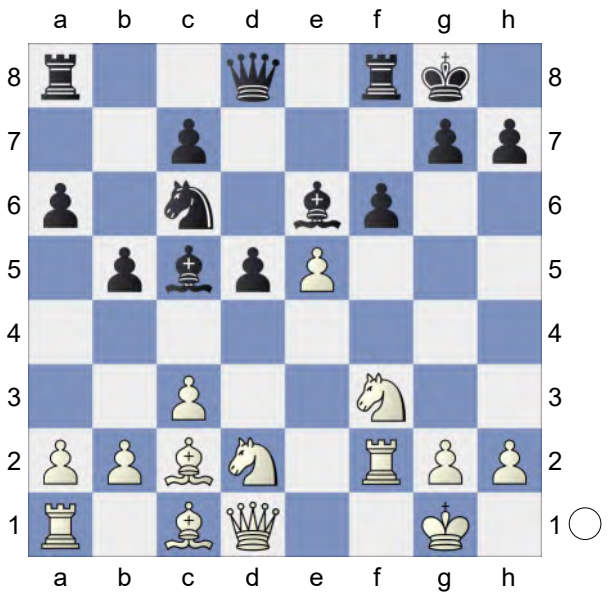
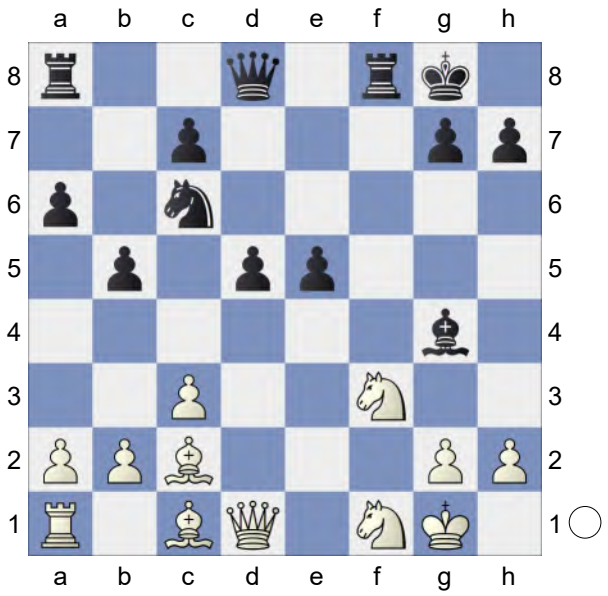


13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Bg4**



16.Ne3 White has compensation. **16...Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4**

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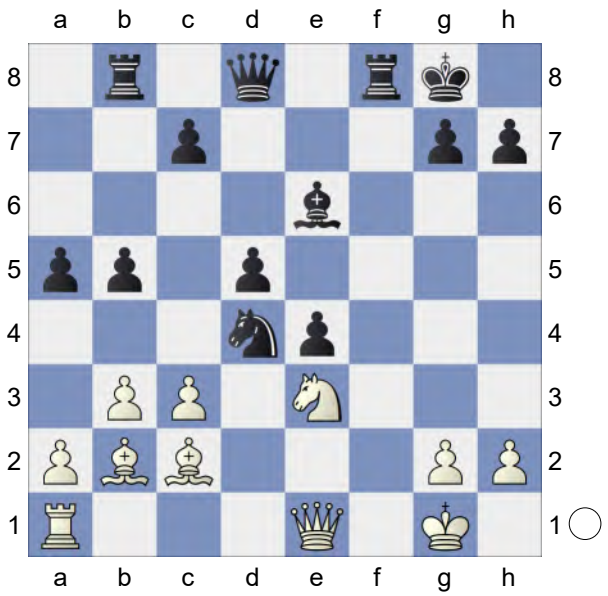
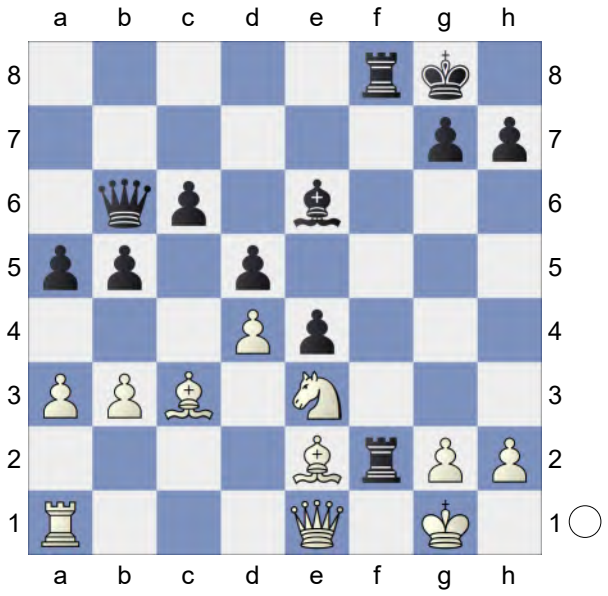


21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 Rbf8N

[24...h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 Qxb3 33.Bh5 c5 34.Be5 cxd4 35.Bxd4 Qb8 36.Qc1 Qd6 37.Qc3 Bxh3 38.Be5 Qf8 39.Qc6 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]

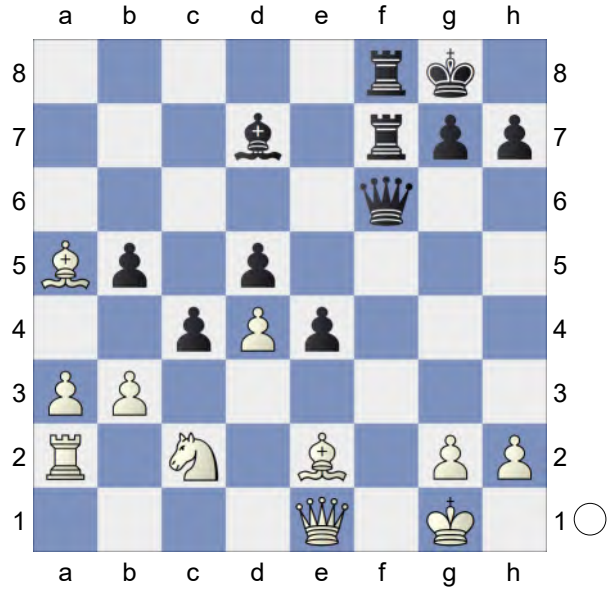
25.Bc3 Rf2



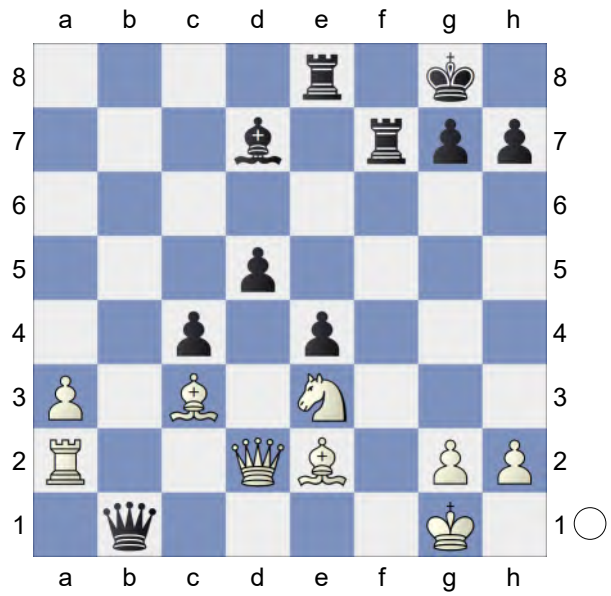
26.Ra2! Bd7 27.Nd1 R2f7 0.91/19

[27...R2f6± 0.40/21]

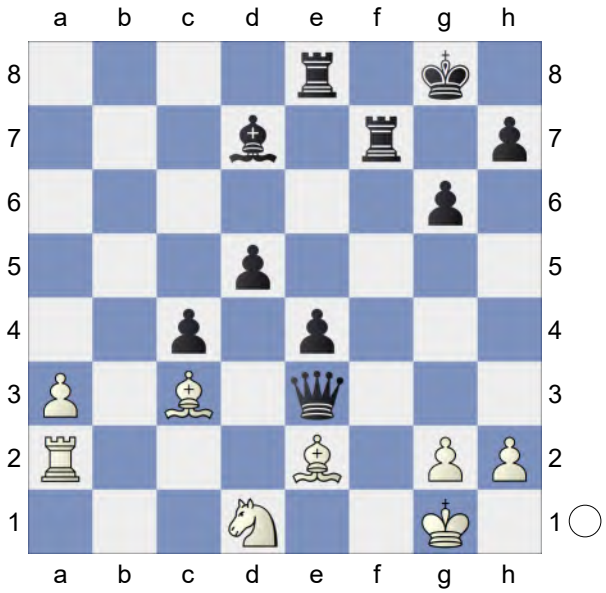
28.Ne3 c5 29.Nc2 Threatens to win with dxc5.
[29.Nxd5? Qd6 30.Ne3 cxd4-+]
[29.Bxa5? Qh6 30.Nd1 *(30.Nxd5? Qg5-+)* 30...cxd4-+]
29...c4 30.Bxa5 Qf6



31.bxc4 bxc4 1.29/21
[⌓31...Bg4 0.88/21 32.Ra1 *(32.Ne3? Qxd4 33.Qc1 Rf2-+)* 32...Bxe2 33.Qxe2 bxc4]
32.Bb4± Re8 33.Ne3! Qxd4 34.Qd2 Qb6 35.Bc3 Qb1+



36.Bd1 Qd3 37.Bh5 A strong pair of Bishops.
[37.Nxd5? Rf1#]
37...g6 38.Be2 The board is on fire.
38...Qb1+ 39.Nd1! Qb6+
[39...e3? 40.Qd4 *(40.Qxd5 Qxa2 41.Qd4 Kf8=)* 40...Kf8 41.Qh8+ Ke7 42.Bb4+]
40.Qe3 Qxe3+



41.Nxe3 Be6 42.Ra1↑ White has strong initiative. **42...Rb7 43.Bd1 Reb8** 1.42/20
[Better is 43...Rd8 0.87/21 44.Bd4 Kf7]
44.Bc2 Kf7 45.a4 Ke7

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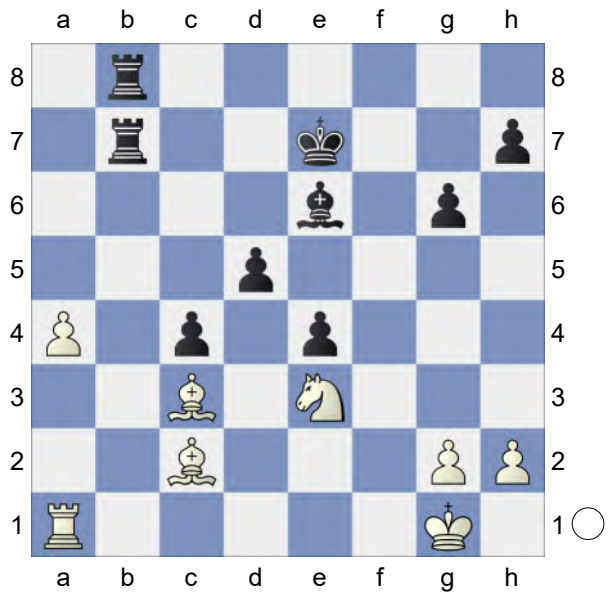
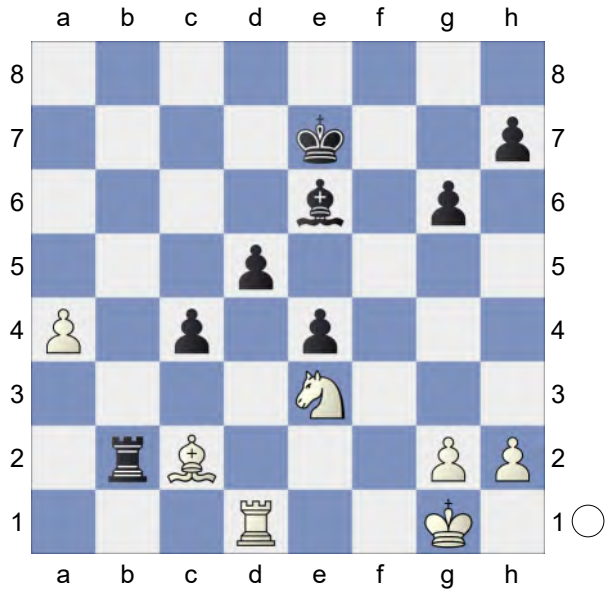
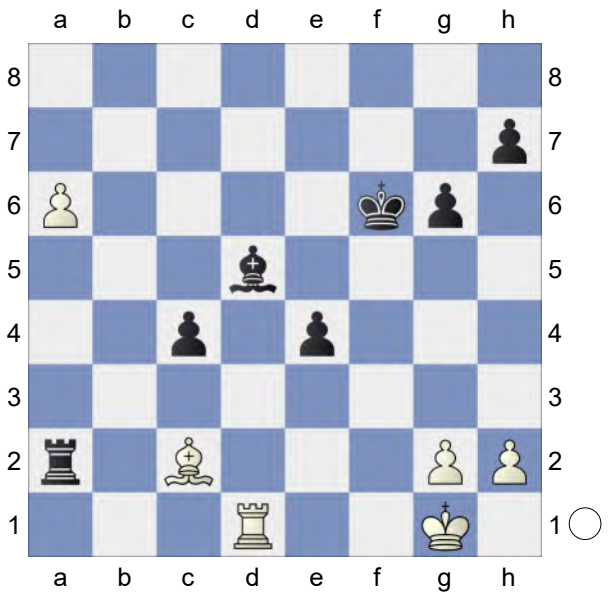


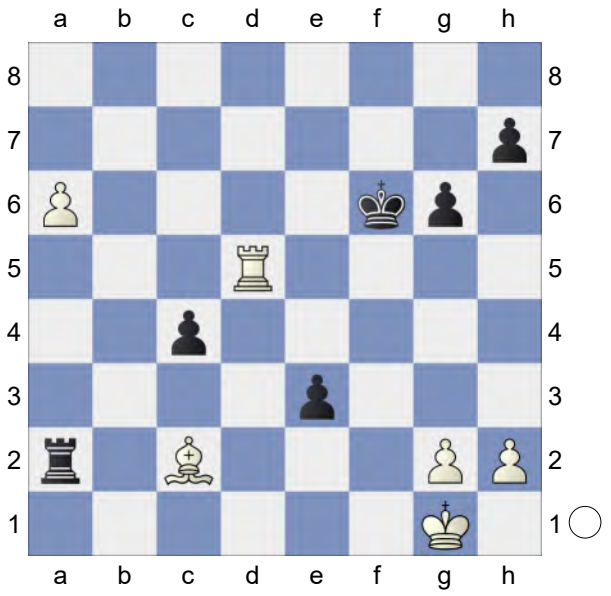
46.Rd1! White is more active. **46...Rb2**
47.Bxb2
[47.Nxd5+ Bxd5 48.Bxb2 Rxb2 49.Rxd5 Rxc2-+]
[47.Rxd5? Rxc2 48.Nxc2 Bxd5-+]
47...Rxb2



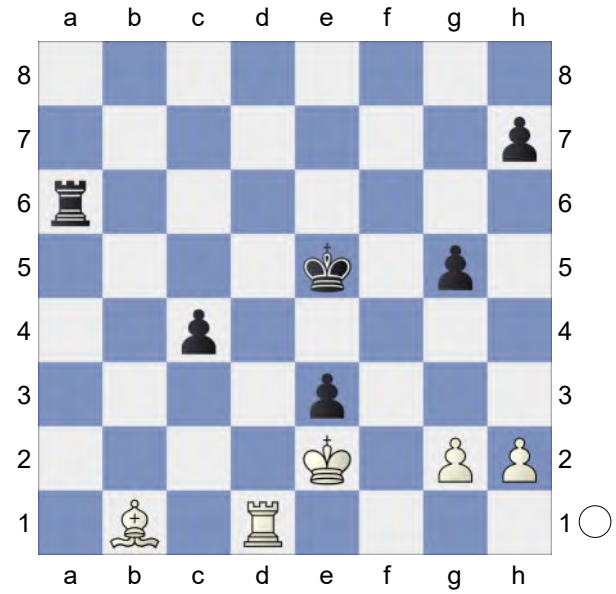
48.a5!
[48.Nxd5+ Bxd5 49.Rxd5 Rxc2 50.Re5+ Kd6 51.Rxe4 Kc5∓]
48...Ra2 49.a6
[49.Nxd5+ Bxd5 50.Rxd5 Rxc2±]
49...Kf6 and ...Ke5 would now be decisive **50.Nxd5+ Bxd5**



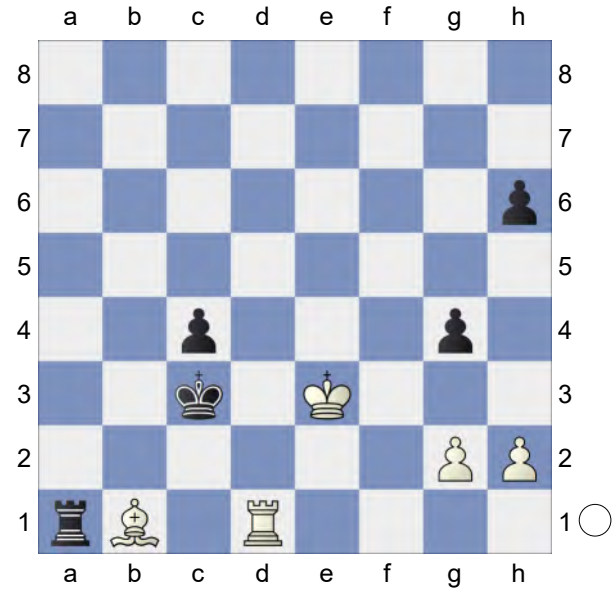
51.Rxd5+- Endgame KRB-KR **51...e3**
[51...Rxc2? 52.Ra5 e3 53.Ra1+-]



52.Bb1
[52.Rd6+ Ke5 53.Bb1 e2± *(53...Ra1 54.Rd1+-)*]
52...Ra1 53.Rd1
[53.Rd6+?! Ke5 54.Rd1 Rxa6±]
53...Rxa6 54.Kf1 Ke5 55.Ke2 1.46/20
[White should try 55.Re1+- 2.76/20]
This costs Black the game. **55...g5?** 3.61/19
[55...Ra3± 1.46/20 56.h4 Rc3]



56.Kxe3 h6 57.Re1 Ra1 58.Kf3+ Kd4 59.Rd1+ Kc3 60.Ke3 g4



61.Bc2! Ra3

[61...Ra8 62.Be4]

62.Be4 h5 63.Rb1 h4 64.g3 Ra2 65.gxh4 Ra5

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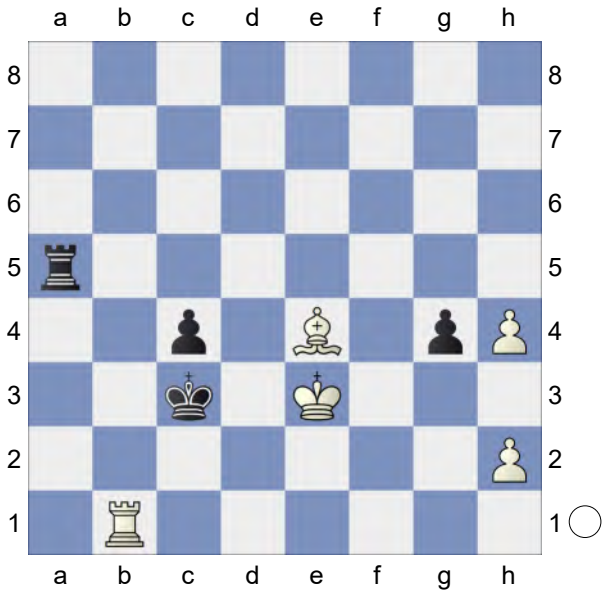
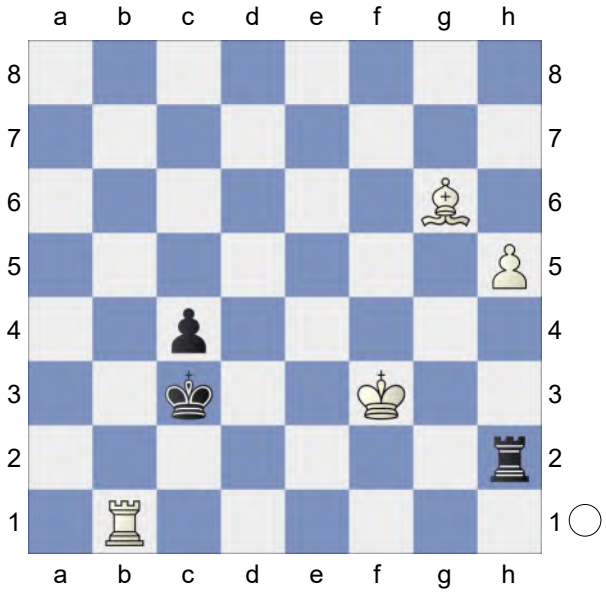


66.Bg6 Ra2 67.h5 Rxh2 68.Kf4 Rf2+ 69.Kxg4 Rg2+ 70.Kf3 Rh2



71.Kg3 Ra2 72.Rh1 Ra6 73.Bf5 Rh6 74.Kg4 Kb4 75.Kg5 Rxh5+

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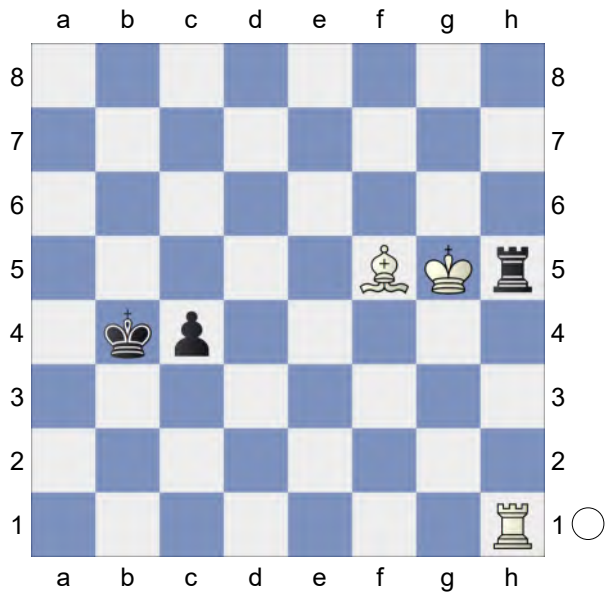
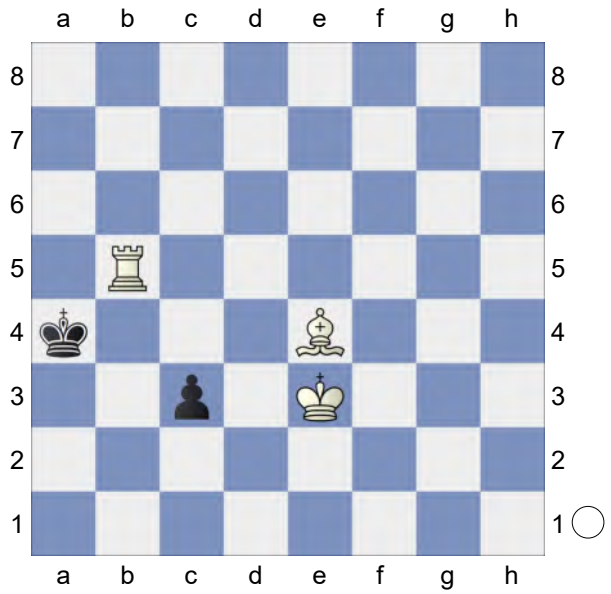
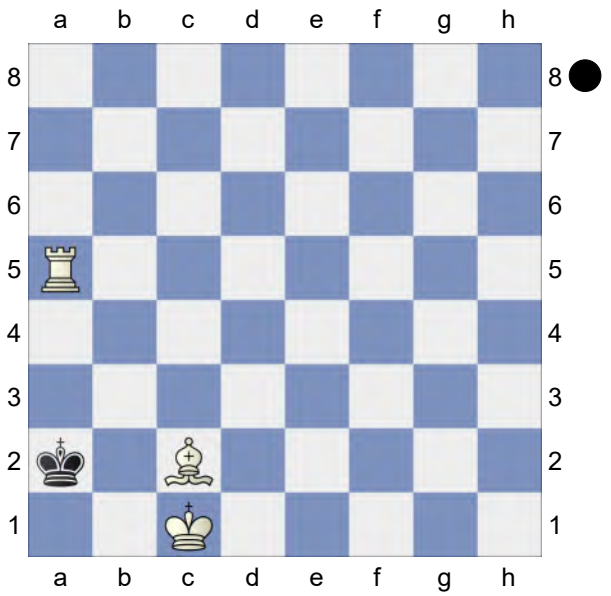


76.Rxh5 White mates. **76...Kb3 77.Kf4 Kb4 78.Be4 Kb3 79.Ke3 c3 80.Rb5+ Ka4**



81.Bd3 c2 82.Kd2
[Stronger than 82.Bxc2+ Kxb5=]
82...c1Q+ 83.Kxc1 Ka3 84.Bc2 Ka2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
85.Ra5#

(Diagram)



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9 **C82**
□ **Moment That Inspires** **3027**
■ **Solidor59** **2935**
Blitz 28.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+2sec
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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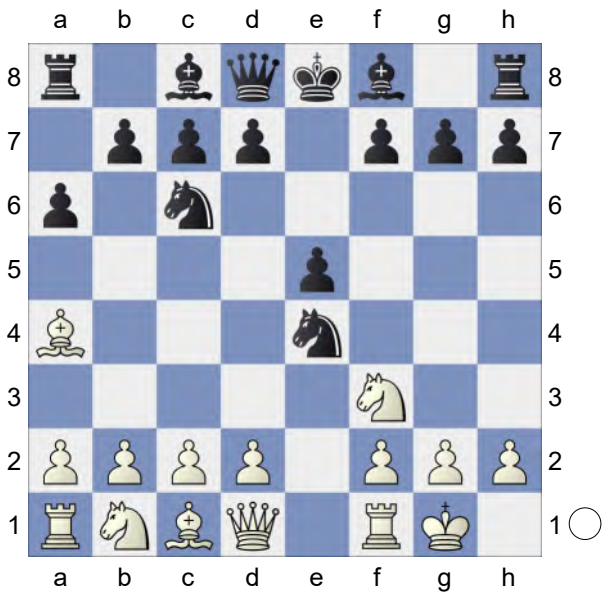
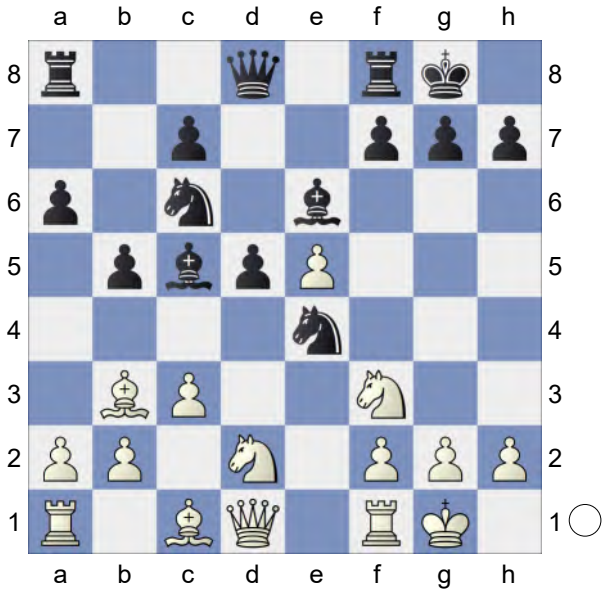


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

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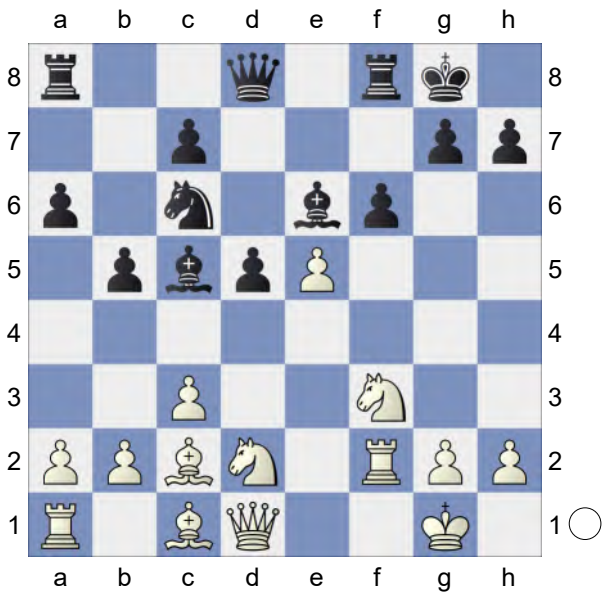
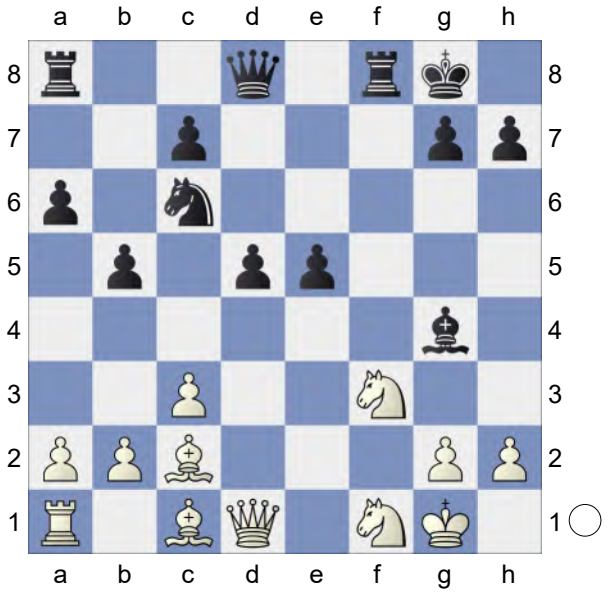


13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White has an edge. **15...Bg4**



16.Ne3! White has compensation. **16...Be6 17.Nf1 Bg4 18.Ne3 Be6 19.b3 a5**

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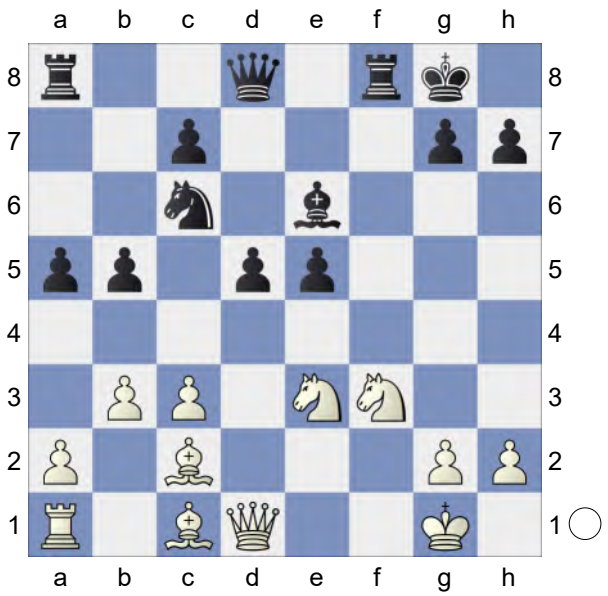
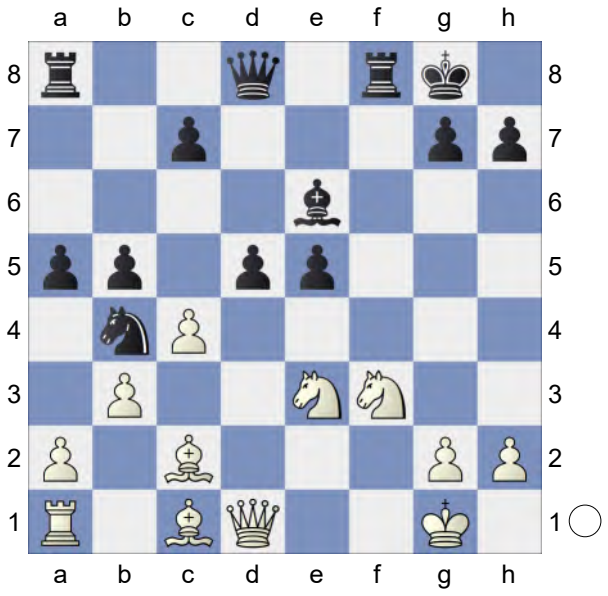


20.c4N

[20.Bb2 Qe7 21.Qe1 ½-½ Esipenko,A (2678)-Najer,E (2676) RUS-ch 75th Cheboksary 2022 (8)]

20...Nb4

[20...dxc4 21.bxc4]



21.Nxd5

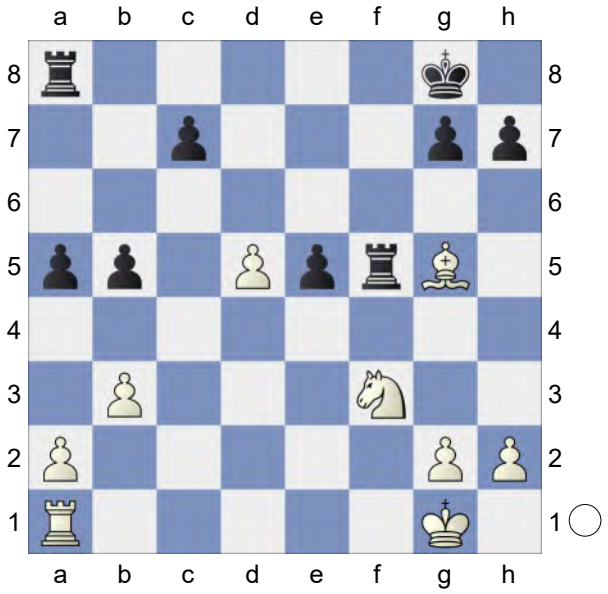
[21.cxb5? d4 22.Nxe5 dxe3 23.Bxe3 Qf6-+]

[21.Nxe5? Qf6 22.cxd5 Qxe5 23.dxe6 Qxa1-+]

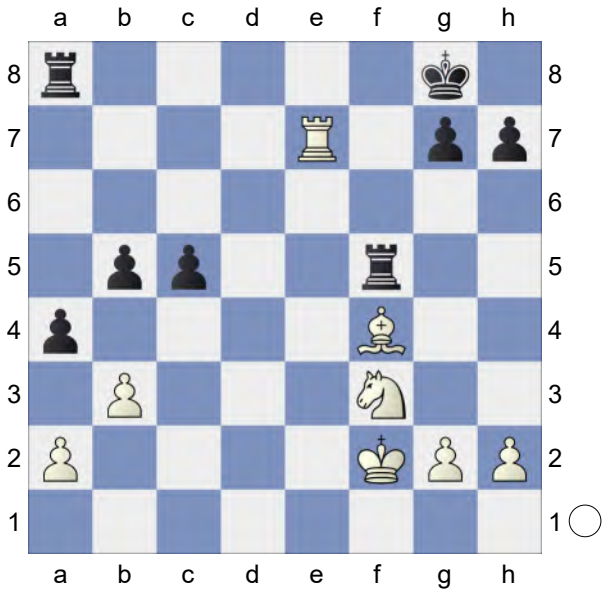
21...Bxd5 22.cxd5 Nxc2 23.Bg5 Qd7 24.Qxc2 Qf5! 25.Qxf5

[25.Qxc7? perishes. e4 26.Qe5 exf3 27.Qxf5 Rxf5-+]

25...Rxf5



26.Re1 e4 Discovered Attack **27.Rxe4 Rxd5 28.Re7 c5 29.Kf2 a4 30.Bf4** Threatening Be5. **30...Rf5**



31.Kg3 axb3 The position is equal. **32.axb3 Rc8 33.Rb7 c4 34.bxc4 bxc4 35.Rb2 c3**

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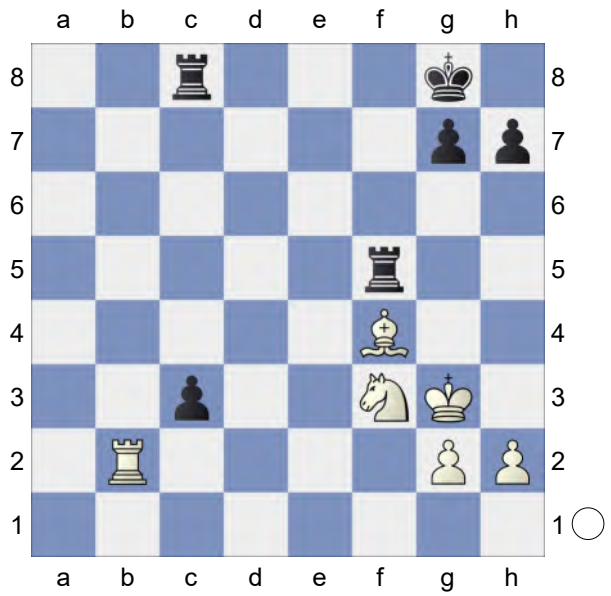
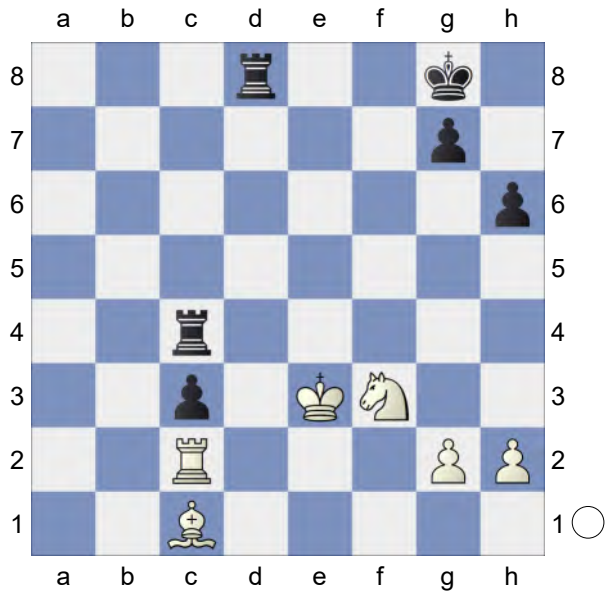


36.Rc2 Rb5 37.Bd2 Rbc5 38.Bc1 Rc4 39.Kf2 h6 40.Ke3 Rd8



41.g3 Kh7 42.Ke2 Rd7 43.Be3 Rd6 44.Ne5 Re4 45.Nf3 Wards off Rd2+ **45...Rc4**

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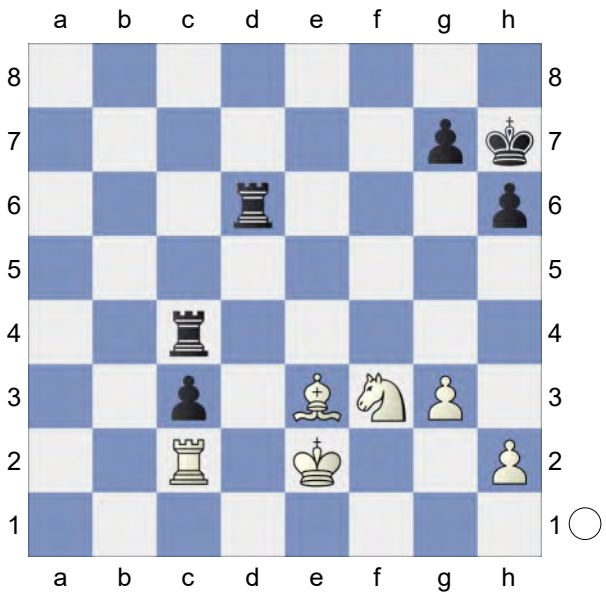
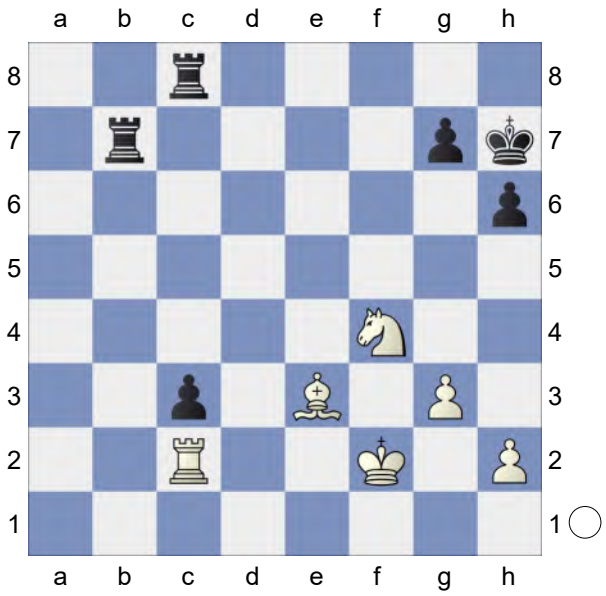


46.Ne1 Rd7 47.Nd3 Rb7 48.Kf1 Re7 49.Kf2 Rc8 50.Nf4 Rb7



51.Bc1 Rf7 Threatens to win with ...g5. **52.Kg2 Rd7 53.Nh3 Rd1 54.Nf2 Re1 55.Kf3 g5**

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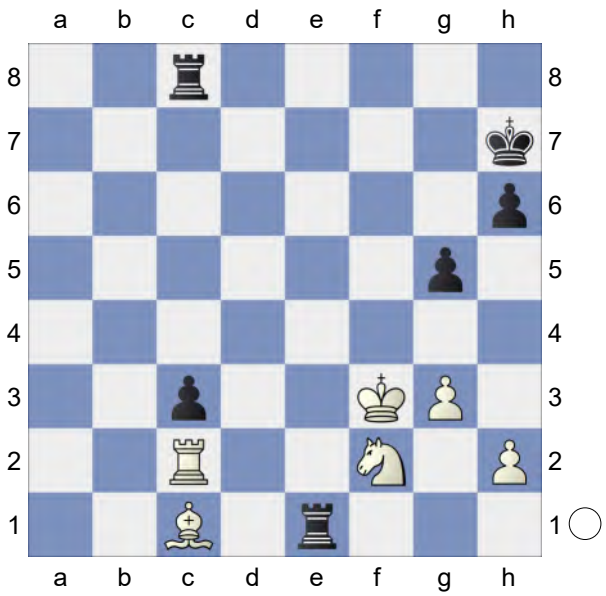
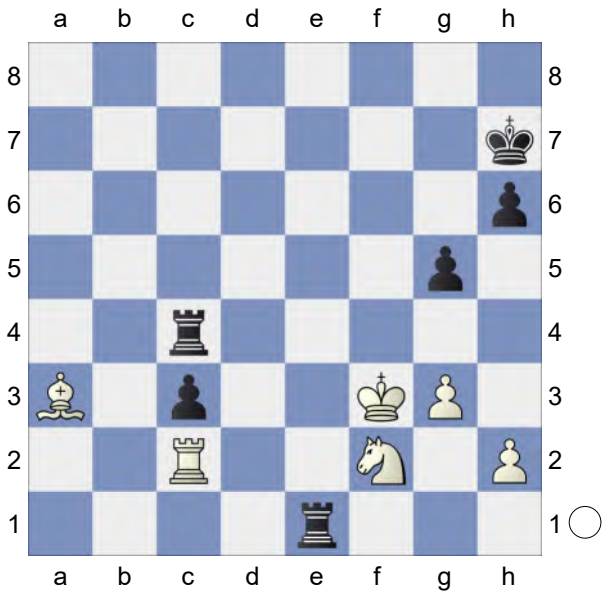


56.Nd3 Rd1 57.Nf2 Re1 58.Nd3 Re6 59.Ba3 Rc4 60.Nf2 Re1



61.Nd3 Re6 62.Kf2 Kg6 63.Bc5 Rf6+ 64.Ke3 Re6+ 65.Kf3 Rf6+

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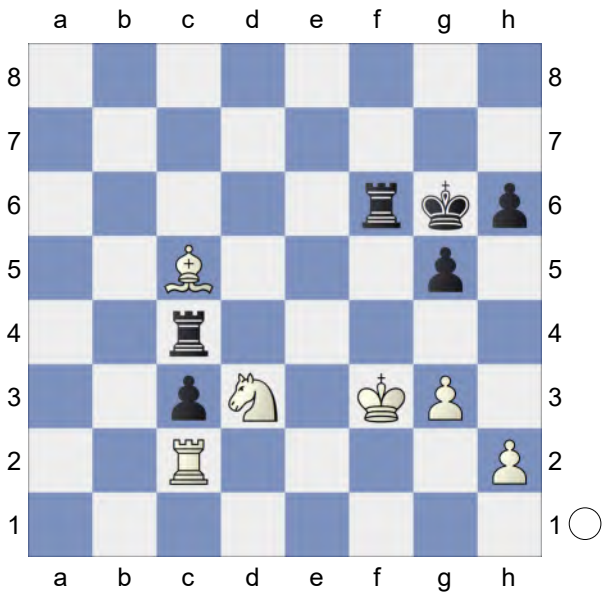
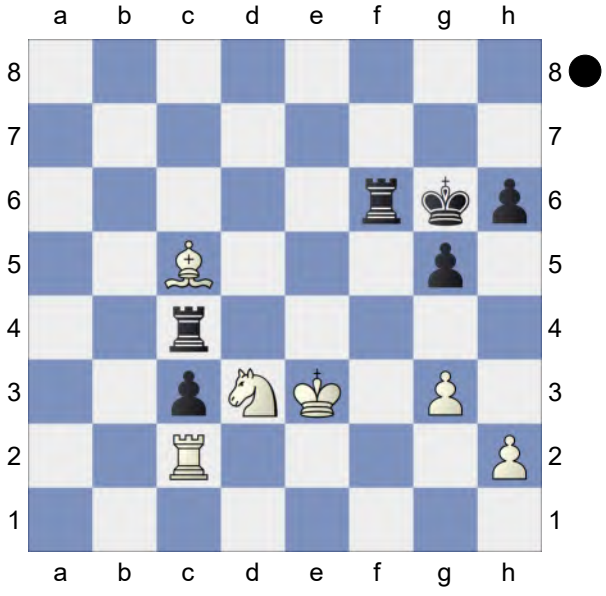


66.Kg2 Kf5 Dodges Ne5 **67.Kf3 Kg6+ 68.Ke3** Threatens to win with Ne5+. **68...Re6+ 69.Kf2 Rf6+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

70.Ke3



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10 **C82**
□ **Ir Avangard** **3206**
■ **Expositor** **2910**
Rapid 25.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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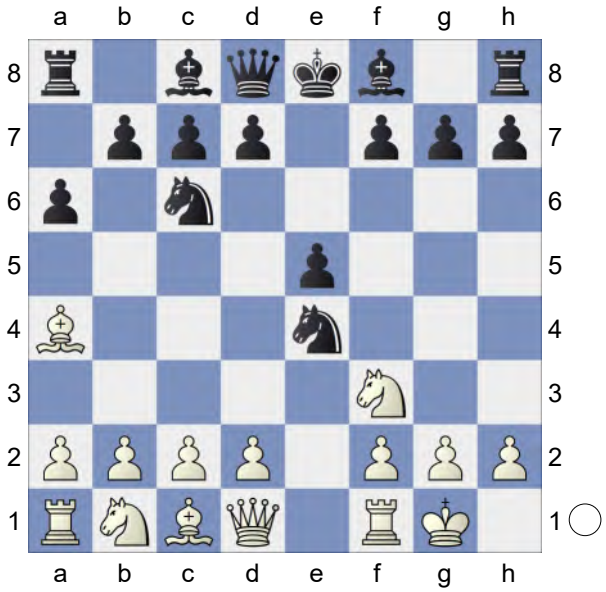
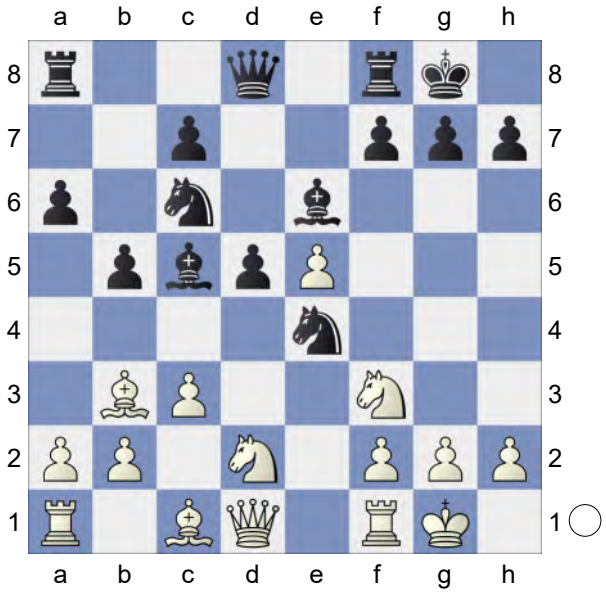
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

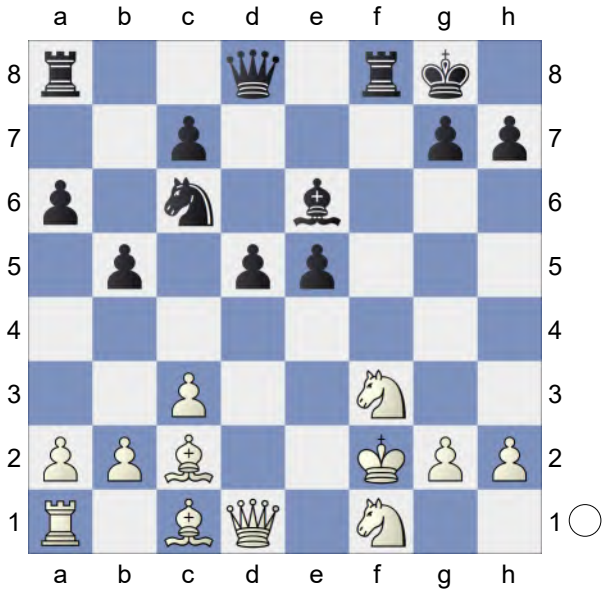
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



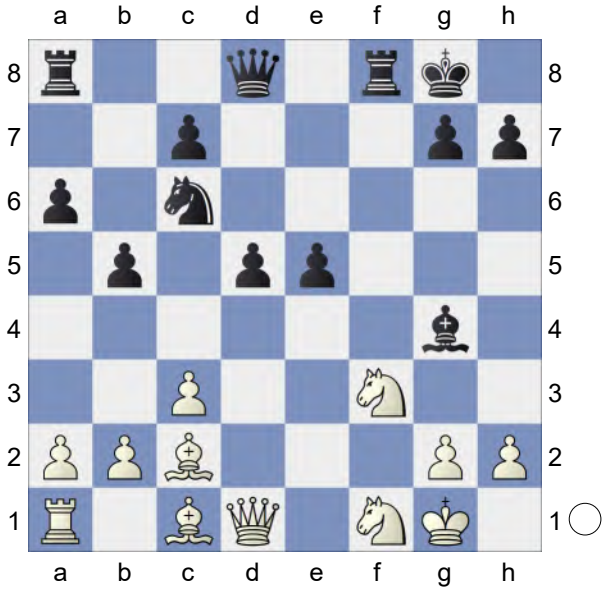
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1 fxe5**



15.Kg1 Bg4



16.Ne3! White has compensation.
16...Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4

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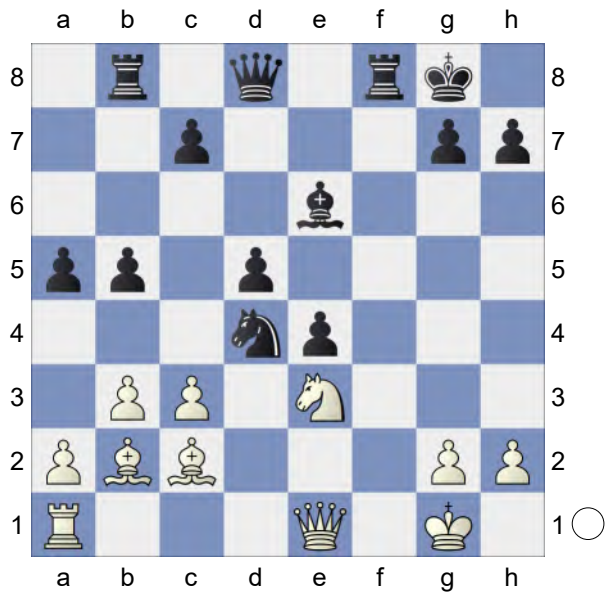
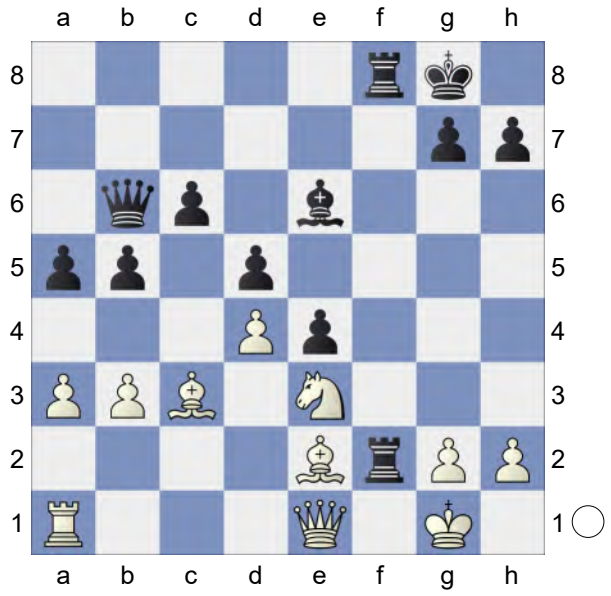


21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Qb6 23.a3 Rf6 24.Be2 Rbf8N

[24...h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 Qxb3 33.Bh5 c5 34.Be5 cxd4 35.Bxd4 Qb8 36.Qc1 Qd6 37.Qc3 Bxh3 38.Be5 Qf8 39.Qc6 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]

25.Bc3 Rf2



26.Ra2 Qd8

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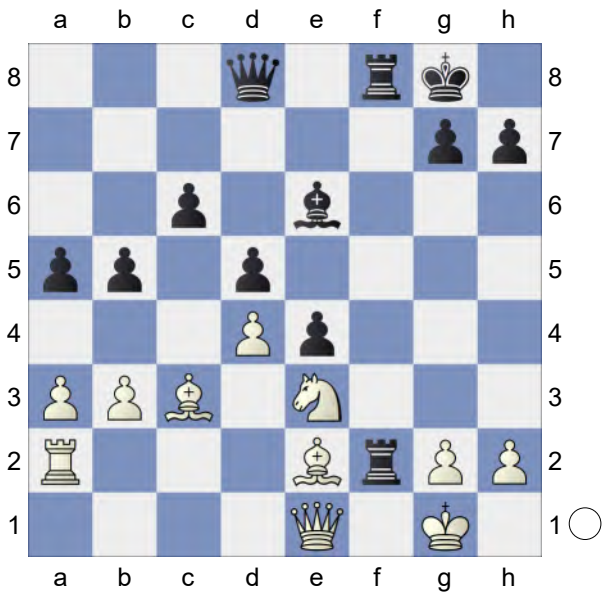
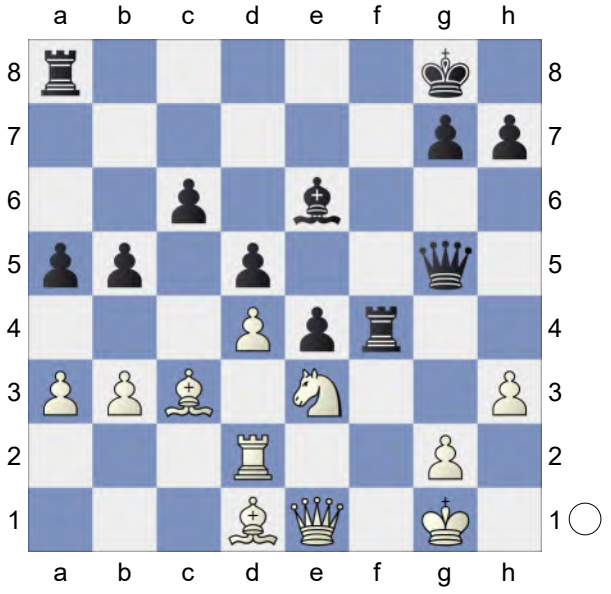


Hoping for ...Qg5. **27.Rc2 Qf6 28.Bd1** Dancing on a razor blade. **28...Rf4 29.Rd2**

[29.Bxa5 Qxd4 30.Bd2 Rf1+ 31.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Qb6∓]

29...Ra8 30.h3 Qg5



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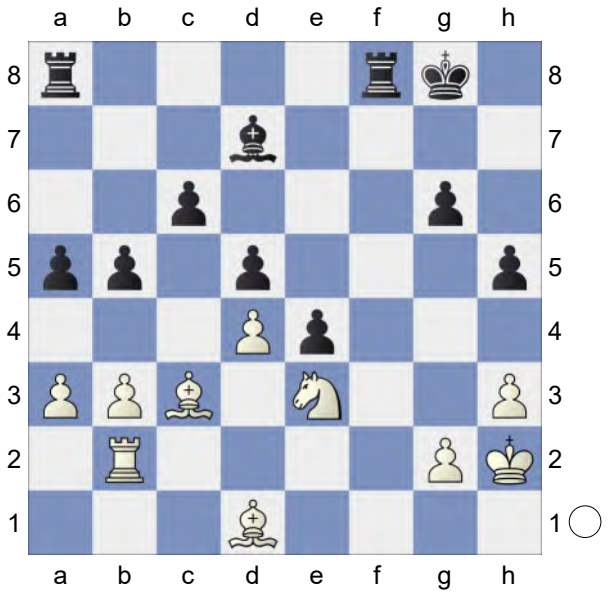

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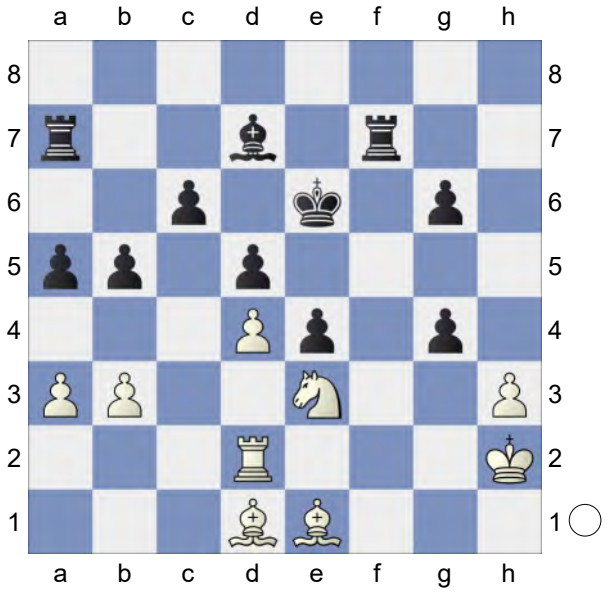

41.Nxg4 Rh7 42.Kg2 Kd6 43.Bg3+ Ke7 44.h4 Bxg4 2.43/18
[⌓44...Ra8 1.98/21 45.Ne5 Rg8]
45.Bxg4+- And now Rc2 would win.
45...Rh8

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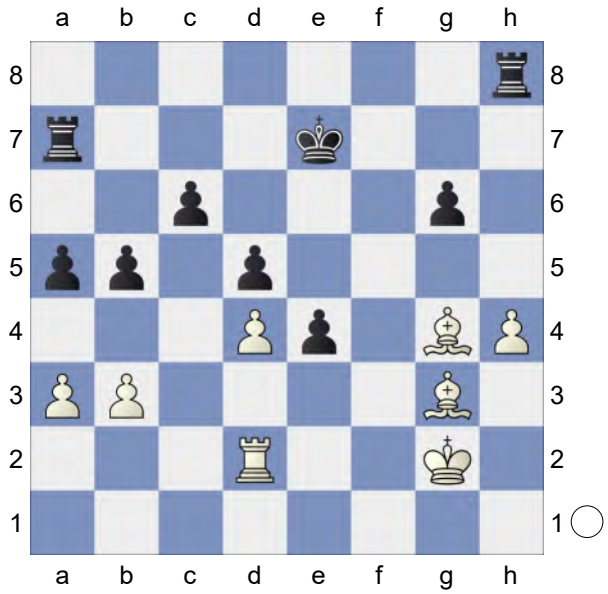
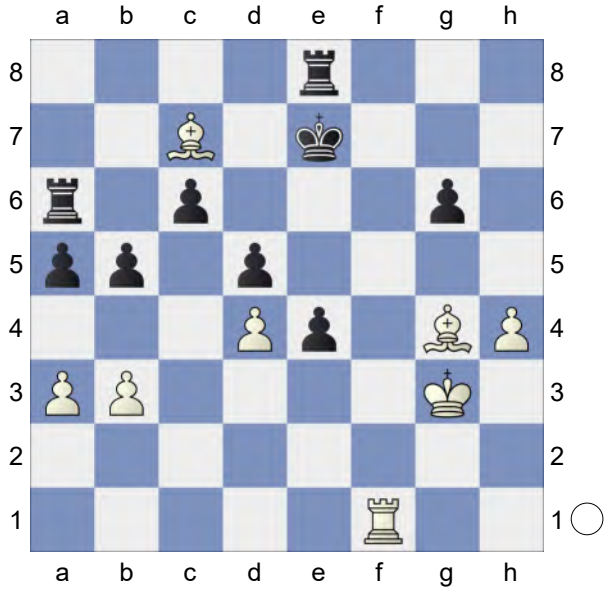


46.Rc2 Ra6 47.Rc1 Rb6 2.58/24
[⌓47...Rf8 1.90/20 48.Kg1 Rf7]
48.Bc7 A strong pair of Bishops.
48...Ra6 49.Kg3 Rha8 3.91/20
[49...Rf8 2.67/22 is a better defense. 50.a4 Rf7]
50.Rf1 Re8



51.Be5 Rea8 52.Rf6 Rg8 53.Rd6 Ke8 54.Kf4 Rf8+ 55.Bf6 a4

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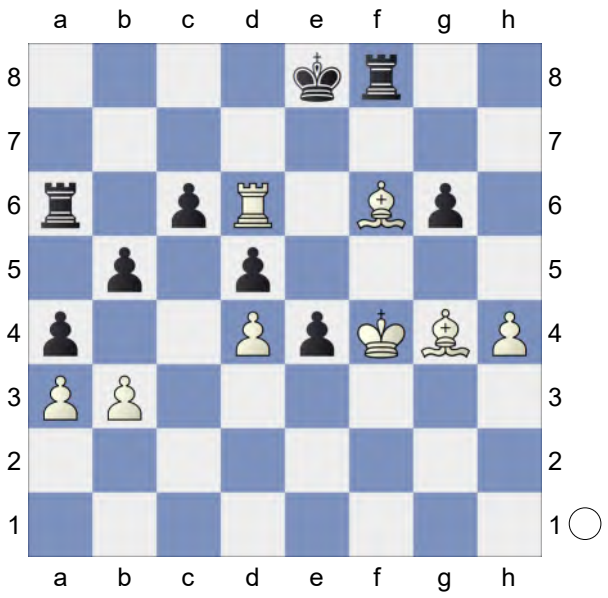
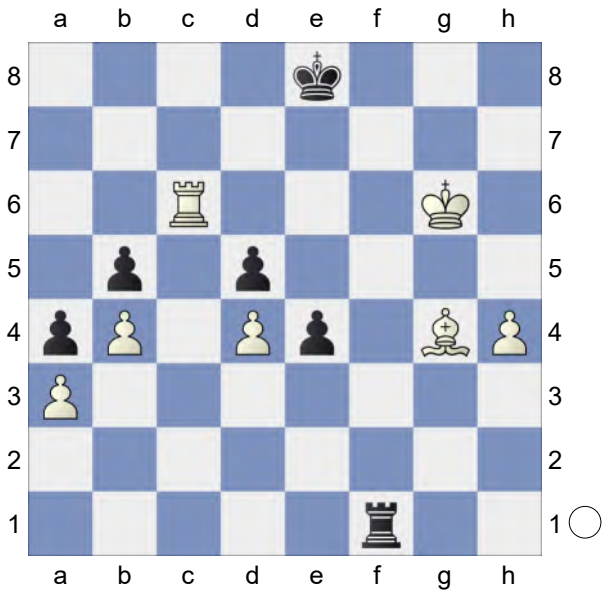


56.b4 Ra7 57.Kg5 Rxf6 58.Kxf6 Endgame KRB-KR **58...Rf7+ 59.Kxg6 Rf8 60.Rxc6 Rf1**



61.h5 Rg1 62.Kg5 e3 63.h6 White threatens h7 and mate. **63...e2 64.h7** White mates. **64...Rh1 65.Rc8+ Kf7**

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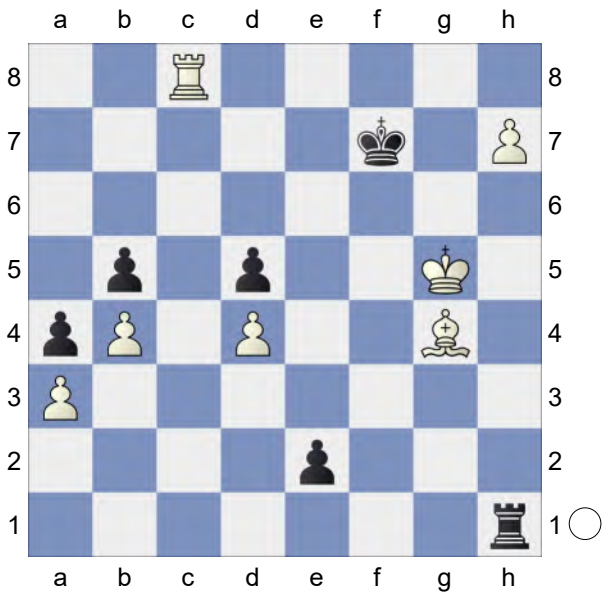
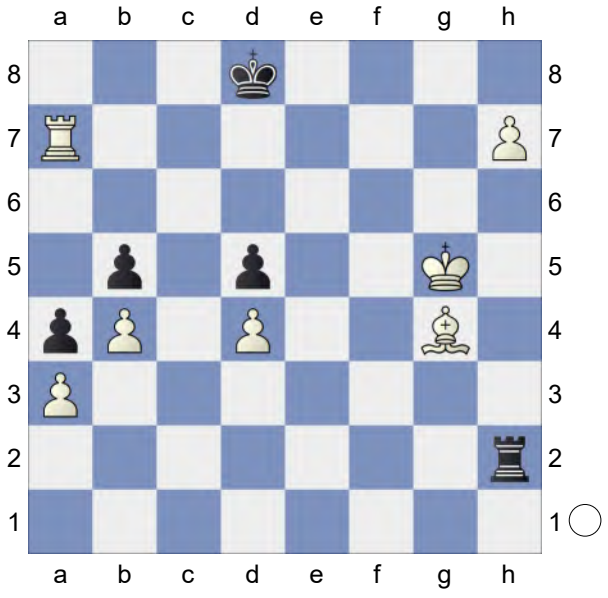


66.Rc7+ Ke8 67.Bxe2 Kd8 68.Rg7 Rg1+ 69.Bg4 Rh1 70.Ra7 Rh2

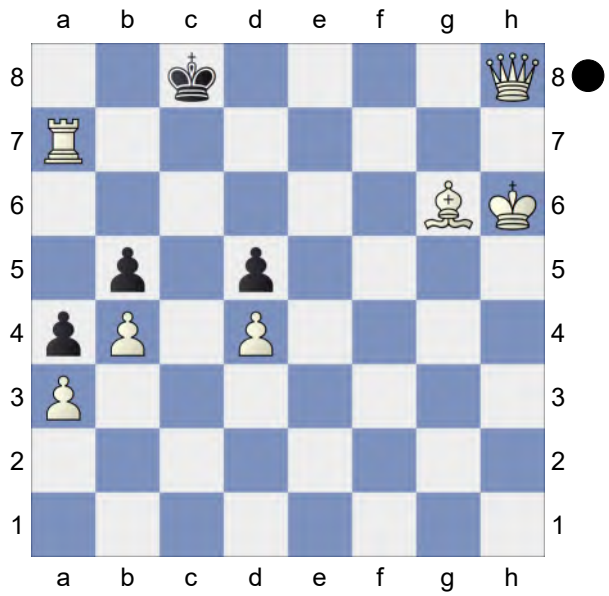


71.Bh5 Rg2+ 72.Kh6 Rg6+ 73.Bxg6 Kc8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.35

74.h8Q#

(Diagram)



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11 **C82**
□ **Mr Chess Berserk** **3057**
■ **Reponhossain** **2752**
Rapid 17.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+4sec
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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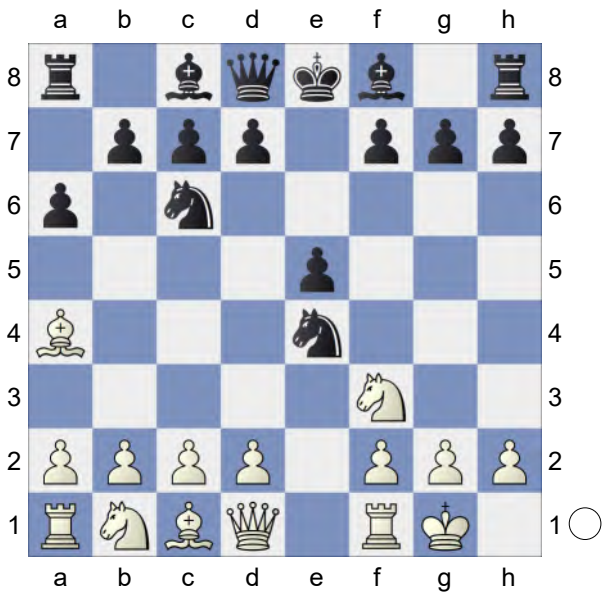
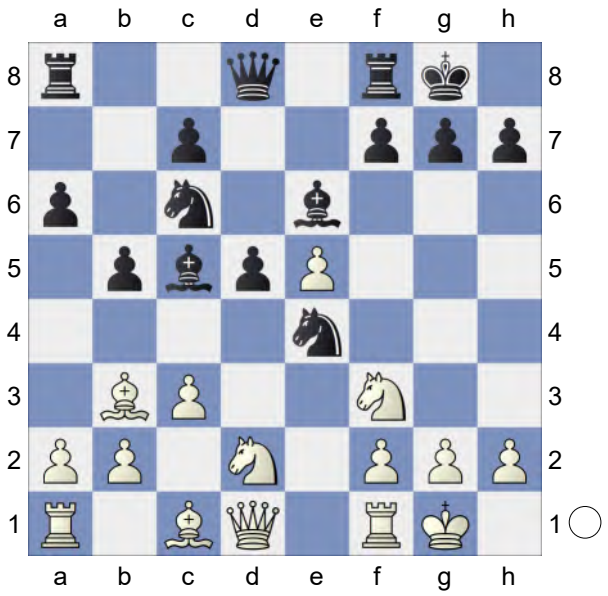
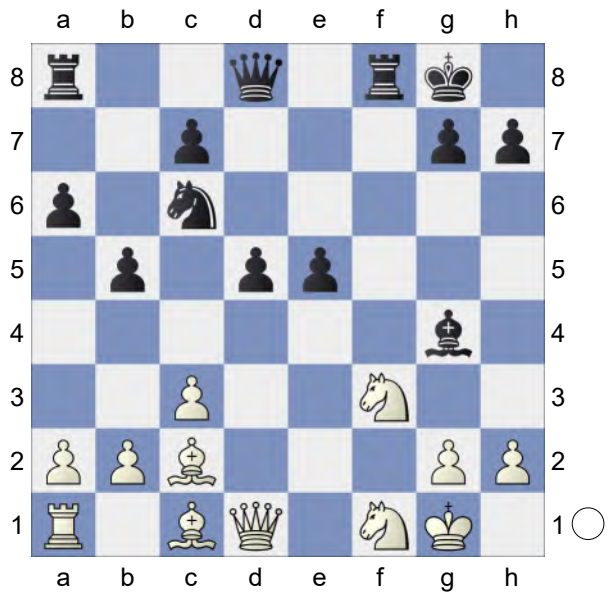


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1 fxe5 15.Kg1 Bg4**

(Diagram)



16.Ne3! White has compensation.

16...Be6 17.b3

[17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6 26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 Qg6 31.Qxg6+ Kxg6 1-0 (58) Vachier Lagrave,M (2722)-Deac,B (2668) Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (15.3)]

17...a5N

[17...d4 18.Qd3 g6 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Bb2 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Rxf3 22.Qe2 Qg5+ 23.Ng2 Raf8 24.h4 Qg3 25.Bxe5 Qg4 26.Re1 Bd5 27.Bd1 Qf5 28.Bd4 Rg3 29.Bc2 Qd7 0-1 Firouzja,A (2759)-Vidit,S (2726) Aimchess US Rapid Prelim 2021 (6.2)]

18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4

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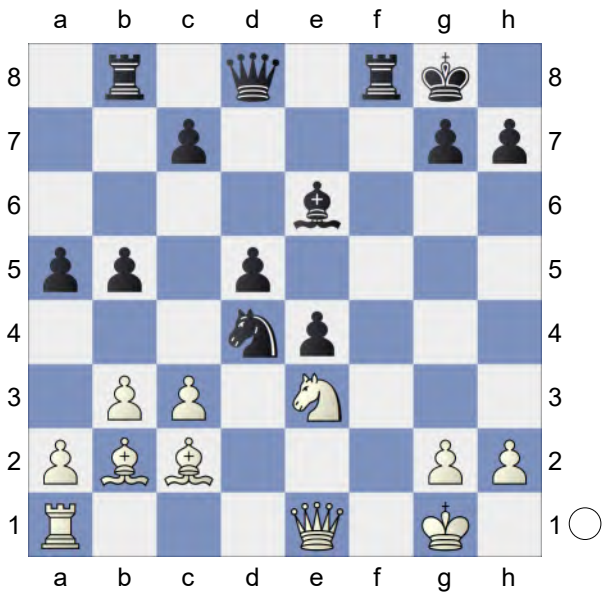
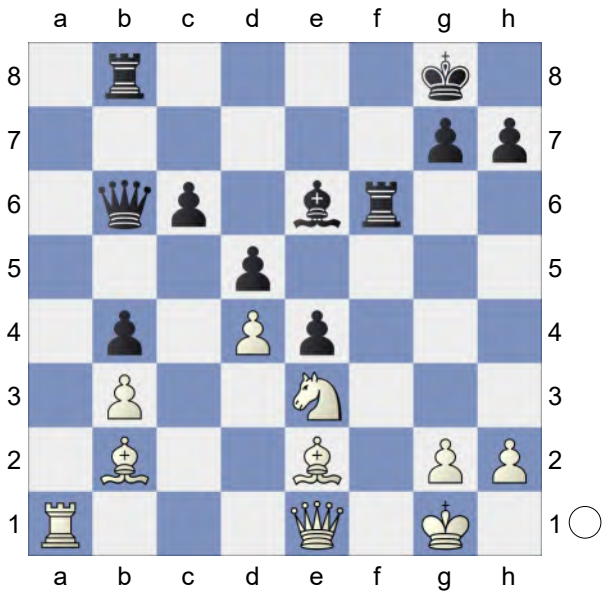


21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 b4 25.axb4 axb4



26.Ra6 Qb7 27.h3 Rbf8 28.Bc1! Rg6

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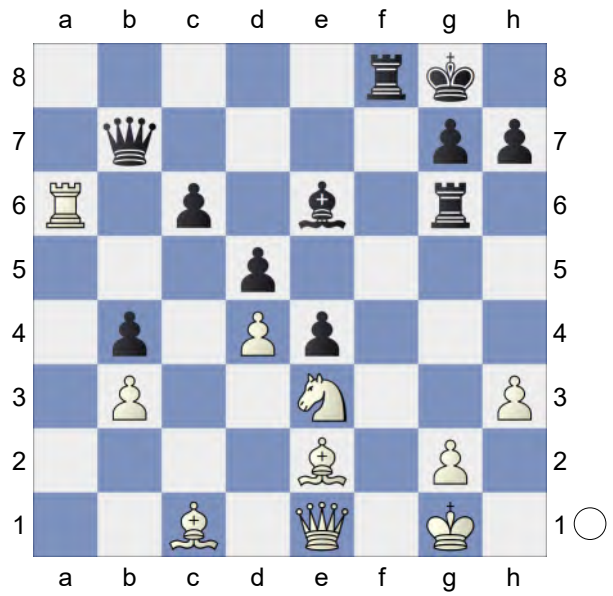
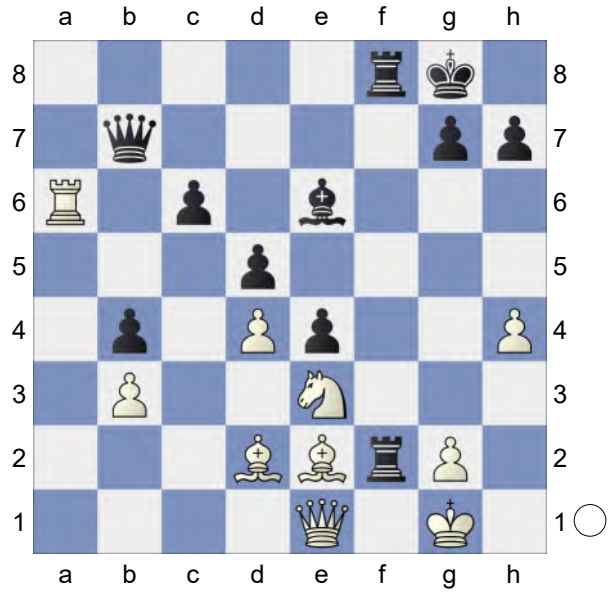
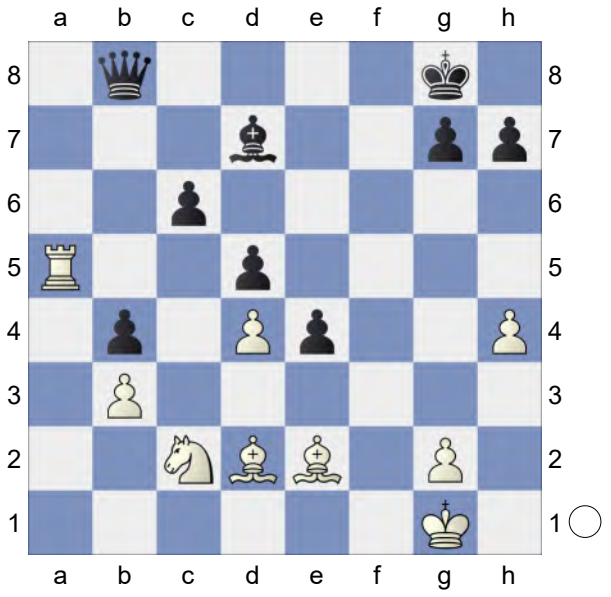


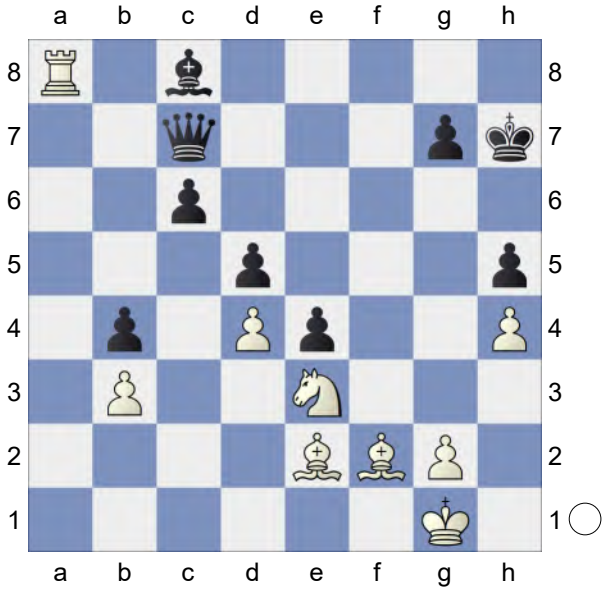
29.h4! Rgf6 30.Bd2 Rf2!



31.Ra5
[31.Bxb4 Rxe2 32.Qxe2 Qxb4 33.Rxc6 Bf7=]
31...Bh3 White must now prevent ...Qc7.
32.Qxf2
[32.gxh3? Qc7 33.Nf1 Rxe2 *(33...Qxa5? 34.Bxb4 Qa2 35.Bxf8-+)* 34.Qxe2 Qxa5-+]
[32.Ra2 is interesting. Qb8 33.Bxb4 R8f7 34.Bd2]
32...Rxf2 33.Kxf2 Bd7 34.Nc2
White has more active pieces. **34...Qc8**
35.Kg1 Qb8



36.Be1 h6 37.Bf2 Kh7 38.Ra6 Qc7 39.Ne3
[39.Nxb4 Qf4 40.Ra7 Qd2 41.Rxd7 Qxe2 42.Nxd5 cxd5 43.Rxd5 e3=]
39...Bc8 40.Ra8 h5!



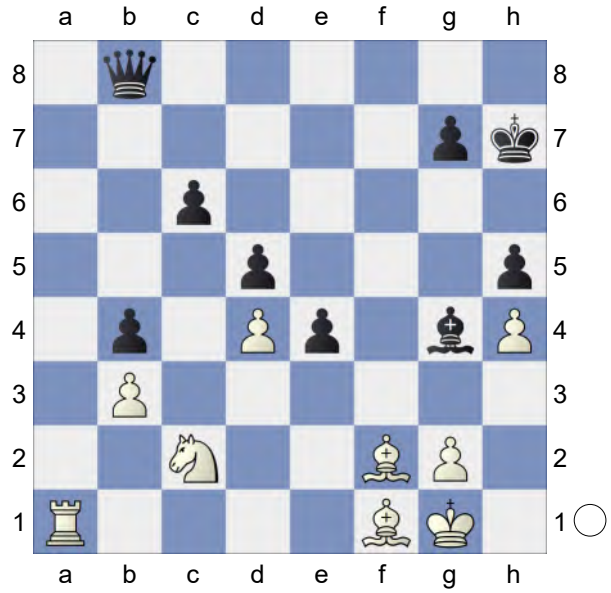
41.Ra1 Qb6 42.Ra8
[42.Bxh5 Qxd4 43.Ra8 Qe5=]
42...Qc7 0.64/22
[42...Bd7= 0.27/22]
43.Ra1 0.28/20
[43.Bxh5 c5=]
[43.g3!± 0.64/22 deserves

consideration.]

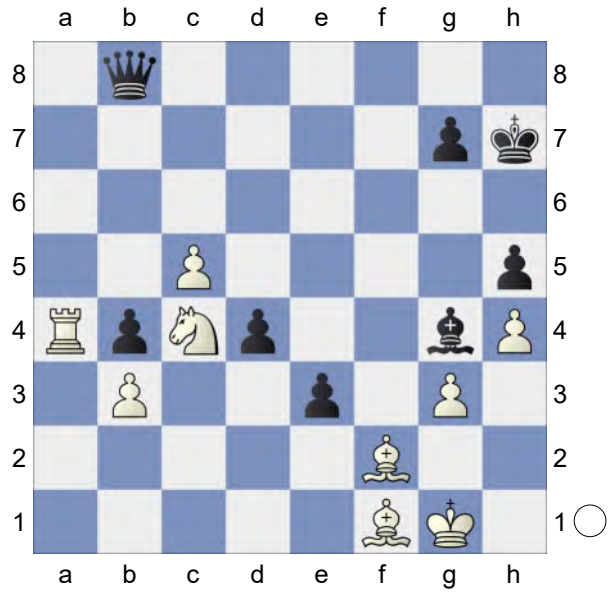
43...Qb6= 44.Nc2

[44.Bxh5 Qxd4 45.Ra8 Qe5 46.Rxc8 Qxh5=]

44...Bg4 45.Bf1 Qb8



Dodges Bg3 **46.Ne3 Bc8 47.g3 Bg4 48.Ra4 c5 49.dxc5 d4 50.Nc4** Hoping for Nd6!. **50...e3**



51.Be1 0.88/23

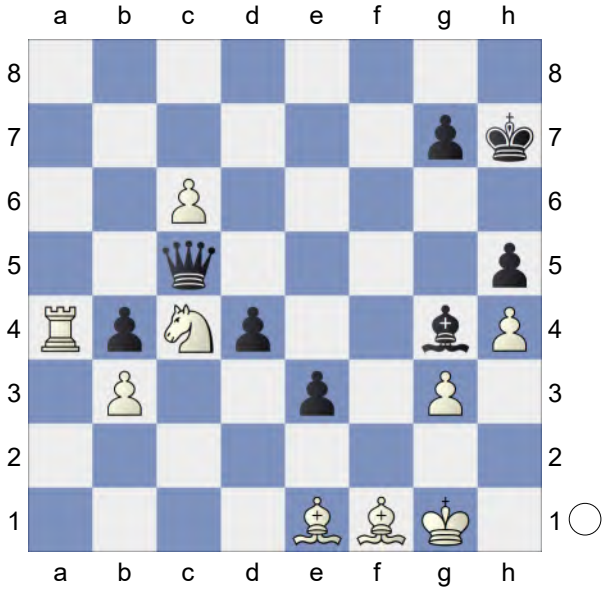
[51.Bd3+= 0.00/22 g6 52.Be1]

51...Qf8!± 52.c6

[52.Rxb4 Qf5 *(52...Qxc5 53.Bg2∓)* 53.Nb2 e2∓ *(53...Qxc5 54.Bd3+ g6 55.Rb7+ Kh8 56.Rb8+ Kh7 57.Rb7+ Kh8 58.Nc4±)*]

52...Qc5

[52...Qf5!? 53.Ra1□ *(53.Bxb4? Qf2+ 54.Kh1 Bf3+)* 53...Qc2±]



53.Bd3+ 0.00/23

[Don't play 53.Rxb4 Qf5 *(53...Qxc6 54.Bd3+ g6 55.Ne5=)* 54.Nxe3 *(54.c7 Qb1=)* 54...dxe3∓]

[White should play 53.Ra6!± 0.88/23]

53...g6= The position is equal. **54.Bxb4**

[Resist 54.Rxb4 Qd5± *(54...Qxc6 55.Ne5±)*]

54...Qxc6 55.Ra7+ Kh8

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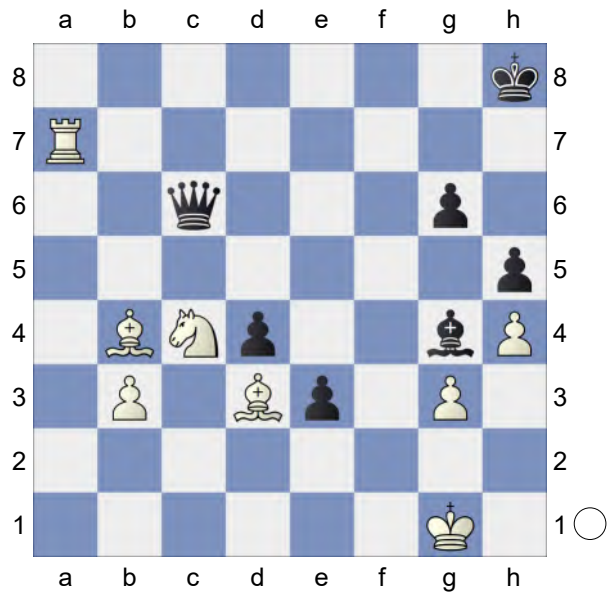
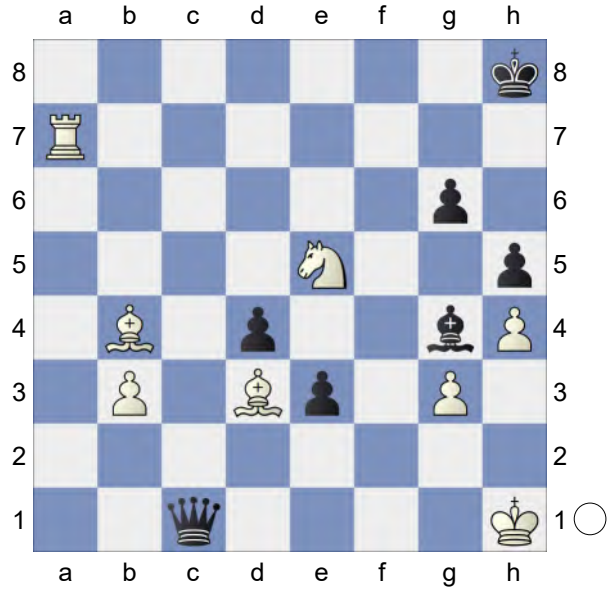


56.Ne5 Repels Qf3 **56...Qc1+ 57.Kh2**
[57.Kg2!? Qb2+□ 58.Kh1 Qc1+ 59.Kg2=]
57...Qb2+ 58.Kh1 Qc1+! 59.Kh2
[59.Kg2!? Qb2+□ 60.Kh1 Qc1+ 61.Kh2 Qb2+ 62.Kh1=]
59...Qb2+ 60.Kh1 Qc1+!



61.Kg2
[61.Kh2!? Qb2+□=]
61...Qb2+
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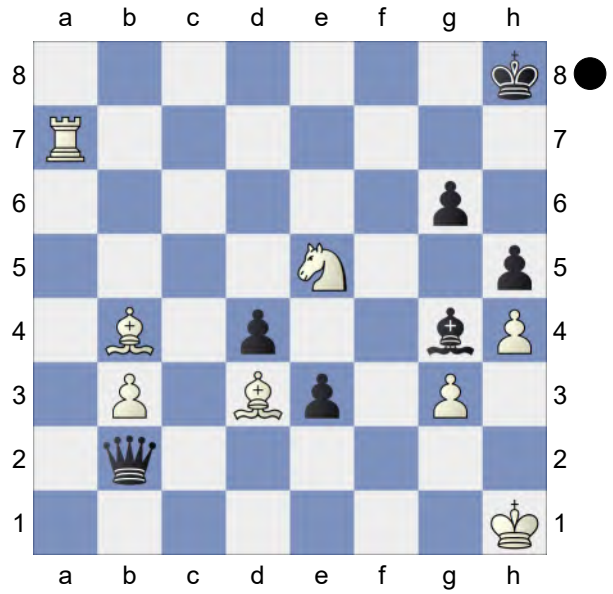
62.Kh1



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12 **C82**
□ **Sarana,Alexey** **2686**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2668**
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[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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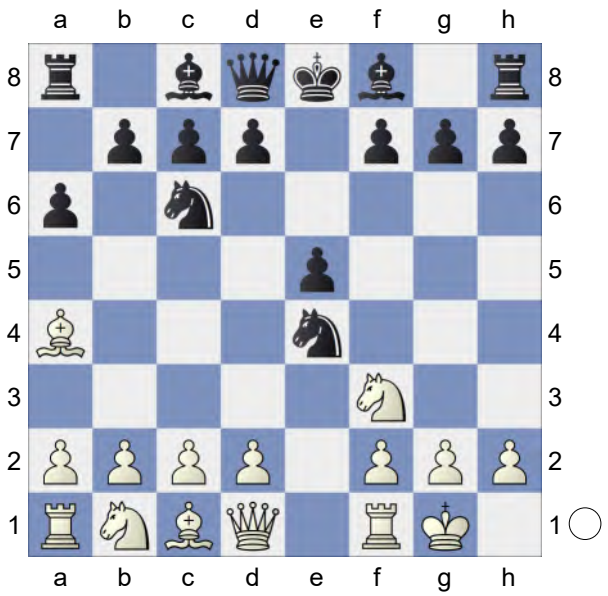
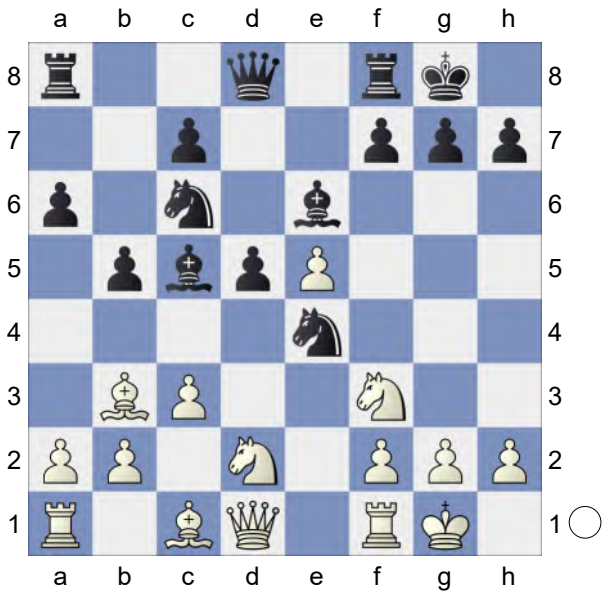


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

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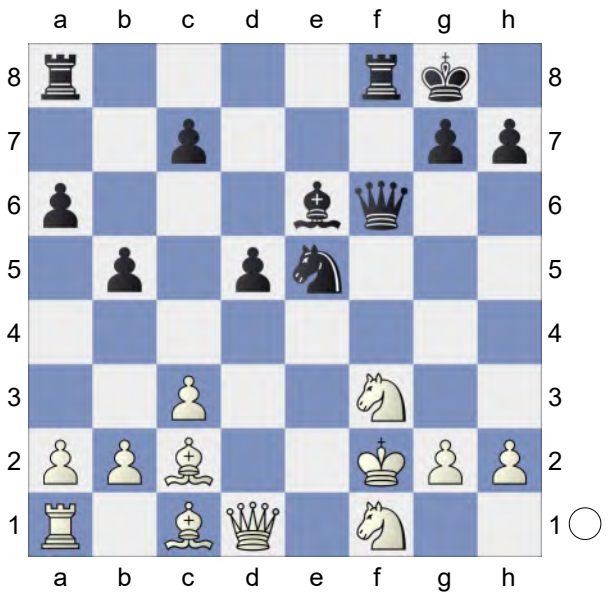

16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 Rf7 0.61/20
[17...Nxf3!= 0.15/21 18.gxf3 Rf7]
18.N1d2± Bg4 19.Bd4? -1.08/20
[19.Kg1± 0.70/22 was the only good move. Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Qxf3 22.gxf3 Rxf3 23.Kg2 Rf4 24.Bd3 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]
[19.h3 Nxf3 20.Nxf3 Qh4+ 21.Kf1 Rxf3+ 0-1 Raivio,P (2340)-Bertino,G WT/M/538 corr ICCF 1991]
19...Bxf3N 0.38/19
[19...c5∓ -1.08/20 20.Bxe5 *(20.Bxc5 Qg5=)* 20...Qxe5]
[19...Qh4+ 20.Kg1 Nxf3+ 21.Nxf3 Qh5 22.Bd3 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Rxf3 24.Bf1 Qg6+ 25.Bg2 Rf7 26.Bf2 c6 27.Bg3 Rfe7 28.b3 Re2 29.c4 h5 30.Qf1 dxc4 31.bxc4 Rc2 32.Qf3 Ree2 33.Bf1 Rxh2 34.Rd1 0-1 (62) Gil Matilla,C-Neves,J NATT3-10 9094 1990 Rhd2 35.Rxd2 Rxd2 36.Qe3 Rxa2 37.c5 Ra1 38.Qe5 Rd1 39.Kf2 Rd5 40.Qe3 Qc2+ 41.Kf3 Qf5+ 42.Kg2 Qg5 43.Qe8+ Kh7 44.Kh2 Rd2+ 45.Kh1 Qd5+ 46.Kg1 Qxc5+ 47.Kh1 Qd5+ 48.Kg1 Qg5 49.Qe4+ 0-1 (62)

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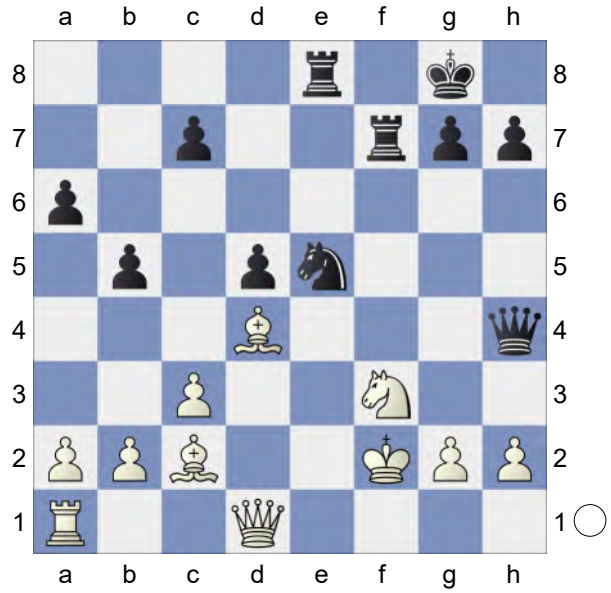
20.Nxf3 Qh4+



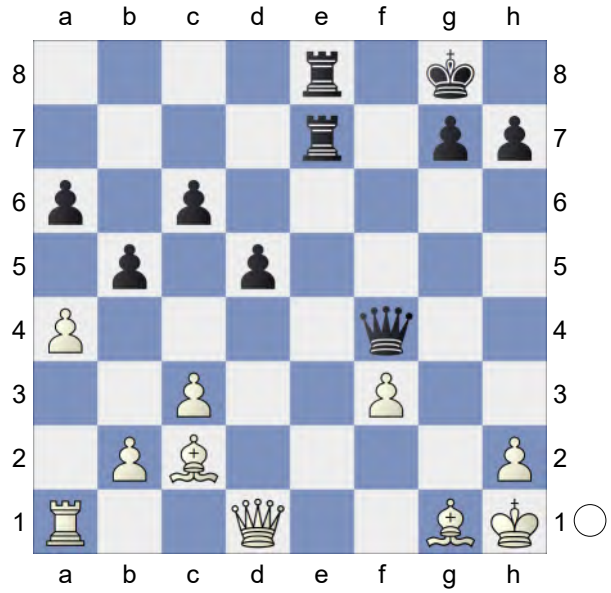
21.Kg1 Really sharp! **21...Nxf3+** **22.gxf3 Qg5+ 23.Kh1** Hoping for Qd3. **23...Qf4** 0.92/21

[23...Rfe7!± 0.36/22 24.Bd3 Re1+ Decoy 25.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 26.Rxe1 Qd2]

24.a4 Rfe7 25.Bg1? -0.38/21 This pair of bishops is nice.

[25.Bf2!± 1.18/24]

25...c6∓



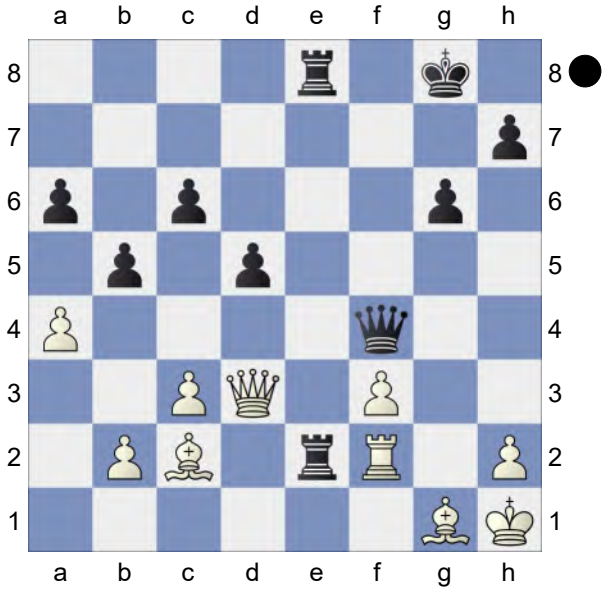
Black has compensation. **26.Qd3 g6** **27.Rf1** -1.84/24

[27.axb5∓ -0.49/21 axb5 28.Qf1]

27...Re2 -1.16/22

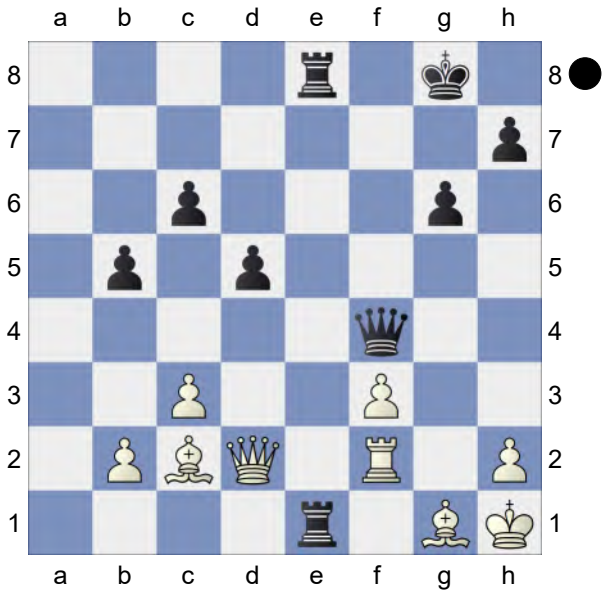
[Better is 27...Re1-+ -1.84/24 28.Rf2 R8e5]

28.Rf2∓



Re1 29.axb5 axb5 ...Ra8 would now be deadly. **30.Qd2?** -3.06/26

[30.Rg2∓ -0.92/20]



30...Qxd2!-+

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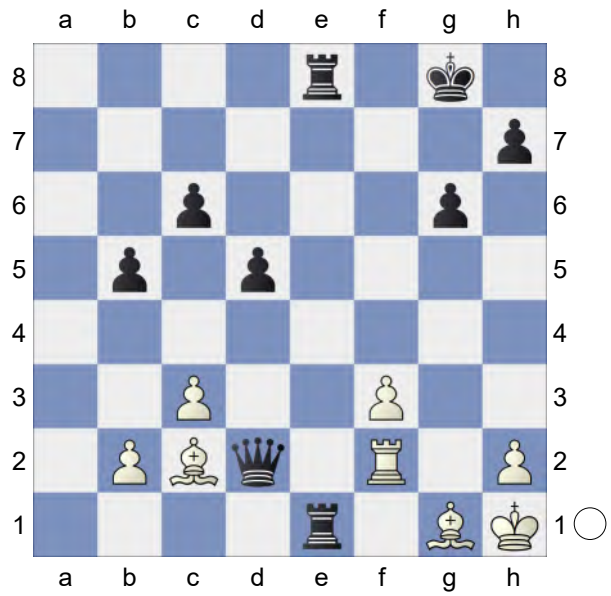
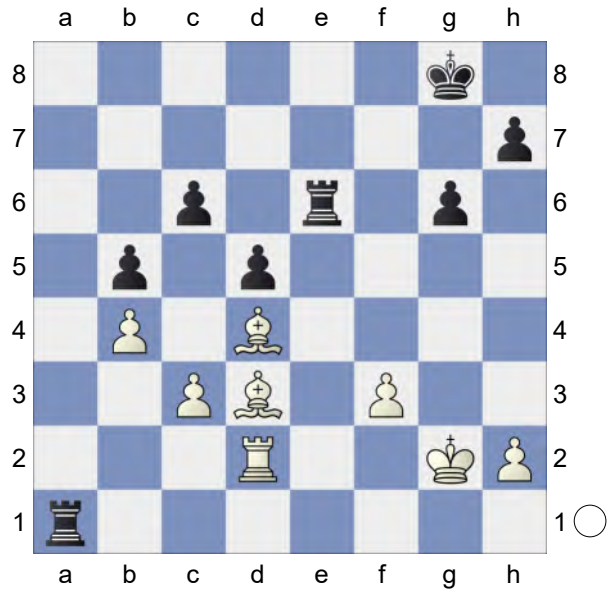
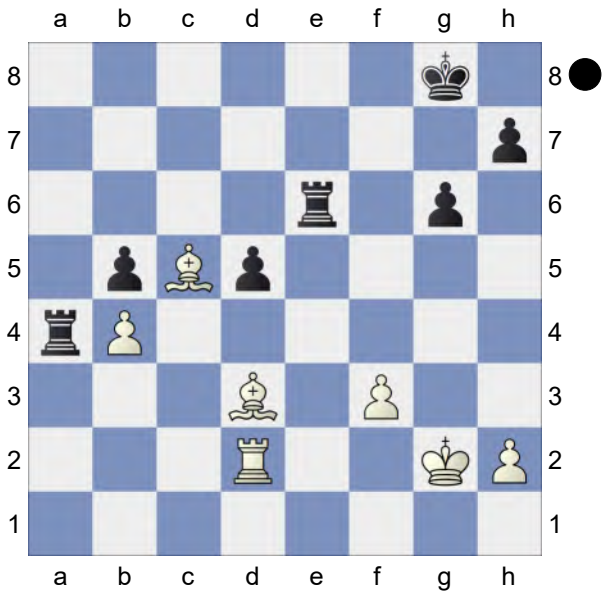


31.Rxd2 Rc1?? 2.20/20
[31...R1e2-+ -2.64/26 and all is fine. 32.Rxe2 Rxe2]
32.Kg2+- Rce1 33.Bd3 Prevents R1e2+ **33...R8e6 34.Bd4 Rc1 35.b4 Ra1**



36.c4! Discovered Attack **36...Ra4**
[36...Ra8 37.cxb5]
37.cxd5
[37.cxb5 Rxb4 38.Bc5 Rb3+-]
37...cxd5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.57

38.Bc5
[Not 38.Bxb5 Rxb4 39.Bd7 Ra6+-]



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13 **C82**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2722**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2668**
Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (15.3) 30.04.25
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

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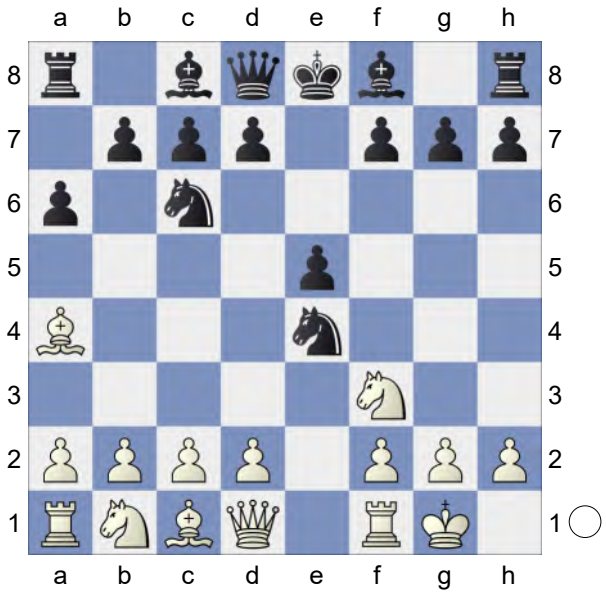

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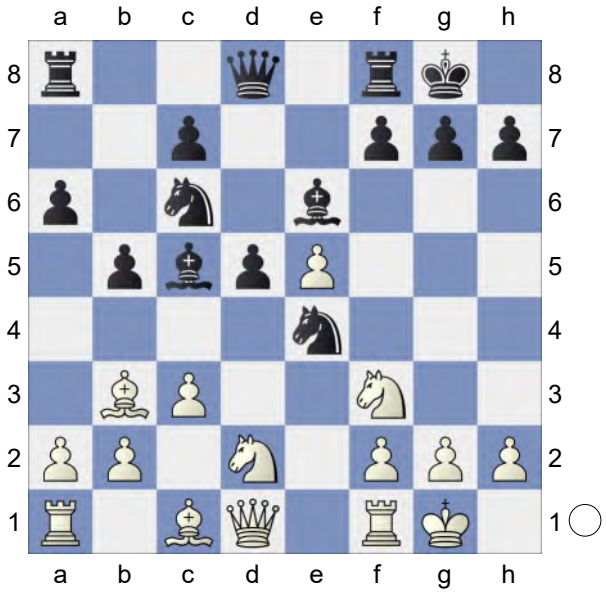

11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White has an edge. **13...f6 14.Kg1 fxe5 15.Nf1** And now Bxh7+! would win. **15...Bg4**

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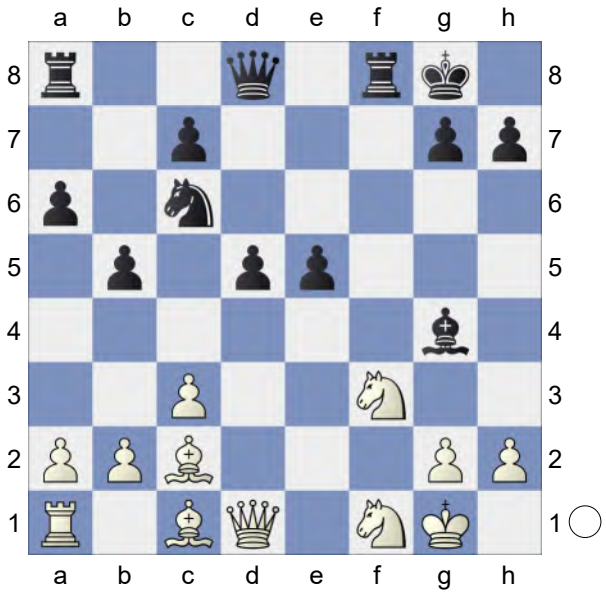

Strongly threatening ...e4. **16.Ne3** White has compensation. **16...Be6 17.b4**

[17.b3 Kh8 18.Ba3 Rf4 19.Bc5 d4 20.cxd4 exd4 21.Qd3 Bg8 22.Nf5 Qd5 23.Ba3 Re8 24.Rd1 Rfe4 25.Ng3 Re3 26.Qd2 R3e6 27.Bb2 Rd8 28.Nxd4 Qc5 29.Ne4 Qe7 30.Qe3 Nxd4 31.Rxd4 Rxd4 Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) Wijk aan Zee NED 2015 [Glenn Flear] ½-½ (51)]

17...a5N 0.62/19

[17...d4= 0.25/18]

[17...h6 18.a4 Qd6 19.Bb2 Ne7 20.Qe1 e4 21.Nd4 Bd7 22.a5 Ng6 23.Nxd5 Rae8 24.Qg3 Re5 25.c4 bxc4 26.Ne3 Nf4 27.Nxc4 Qxd4+ 28.Bxd4 Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Nxg3+ 30.hxg3 Rd5 31.Bc5 Re8 32.Kg1 Nepomniachtchi,I (2782)-Tabatabaei, M (2551) Almaty 2022 1-0 (45) Kh8 33.Re1 Bb5 34.Ne3 Rd2 35.Bb3 c6 36.Nf5 Red8 37.Rxe4 Rb2 38.Nd4 Rb1+ 39.Kh2 Bd3 40.Re7 Rb2 41.Be6 Bf1 42.Bh3 Rf8 43.Nxc6 Rc2 44.Re1 Bb5 45.Bxf8 1-0 (45) Panov Botvinnik Attack (2782)-Uzhva,

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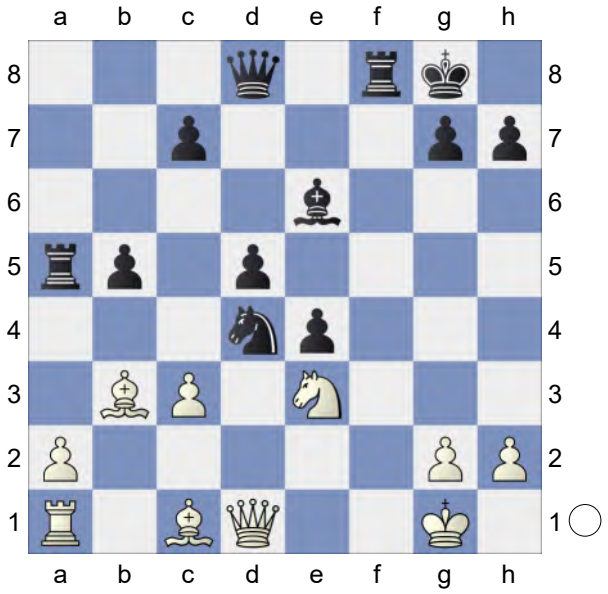
18.bxa5!± Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4



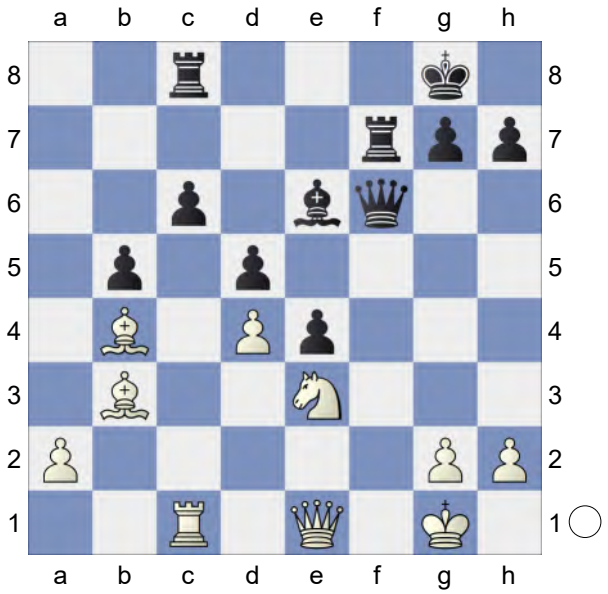
21.cxd4 0.12/21

[21.Qxd4± 0.66/22 c6 22.Nc2]

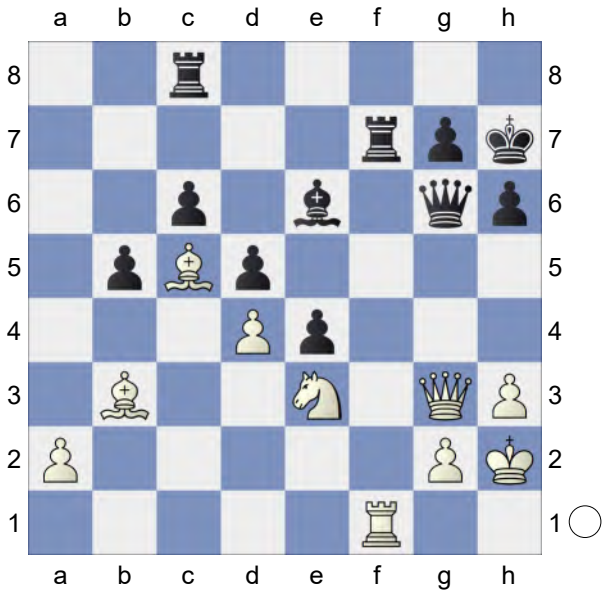
21...c6 0.47/21

[21...Qf6= 0.12/21 feels stronger.]

22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6



26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 &Bianco is more active. **30...Qg6**

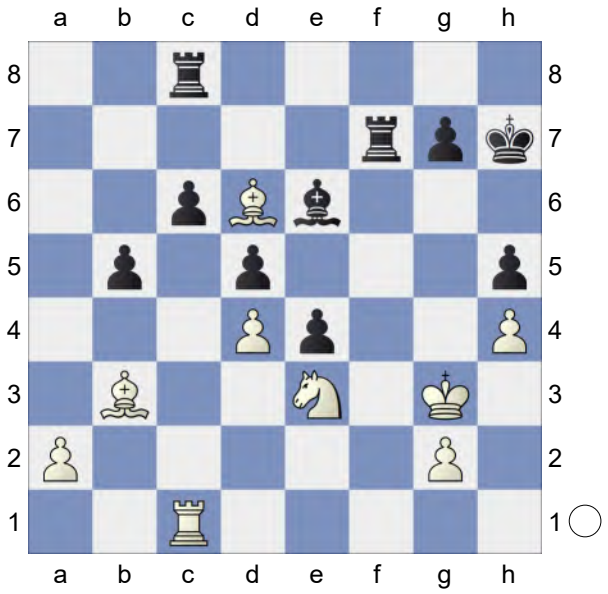


31.Qxg6+ Kxg6 32.Rc1 h5 33.Kg3 Kg5 34.h4+ Kg6 35.Bd6 0.65/23

[35.a4± 0.99/23]

35...Kh7 1.44/22

[Black should play 35...Bd7!± 0.65/23]



36.Bf4 0.76/22

[Better is 36.a4 1.44/22]

36...g6 1.37/22

[⌓36...Ra7 0.76/22]

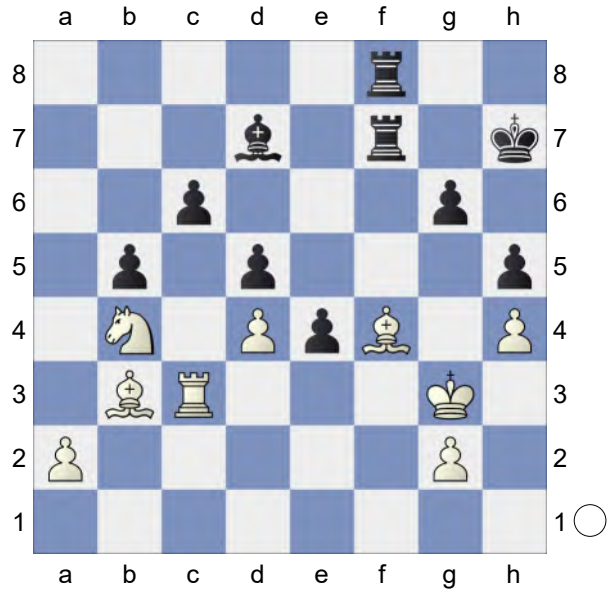
37.Rc5 Kg8 1.63/23

[37...Ra7± 1.10/23]

38.Nc2 1.21/21

[38.a4+- 1.63/23]

38...Kh7 39.Nb4 Bd7 40.Rc3 Rcf8

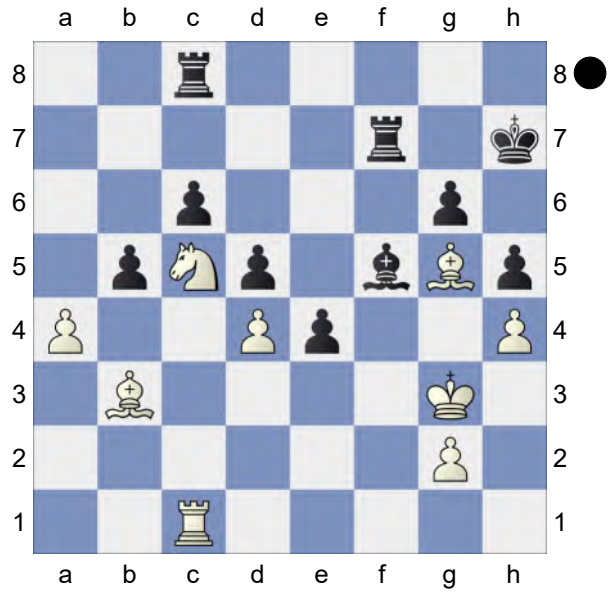


41.Bg5 Rc8 42.Rc1 Kg7 43.Na6 Kh7 1.77/22

[43...Bg4± 1.13/21]

44.Nc5+- Black must now prevent Nxe4!

44...Bf5 45.a4



Hoping for axb5. **45...bxa4** 1.74/25

[45...b4± 1.40/20 was necessary.]

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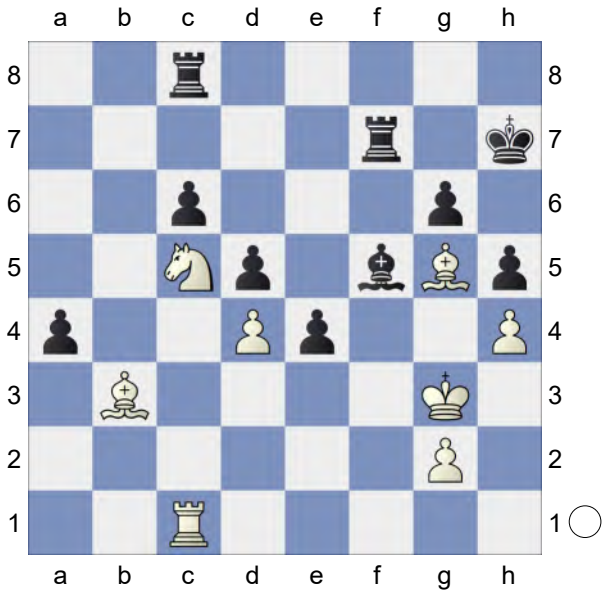


46.Bxa4 Bg4 47.Rc3 1.24/22

[47.Rb1+- 1.94/24]

47...Ra7 2.53/22

[47...Be2± 1.24/22]

48.Bf4? 0.98/22 A strong pair of Bishops.

[48.Kf4+- 2.53/22 is more deadly.]

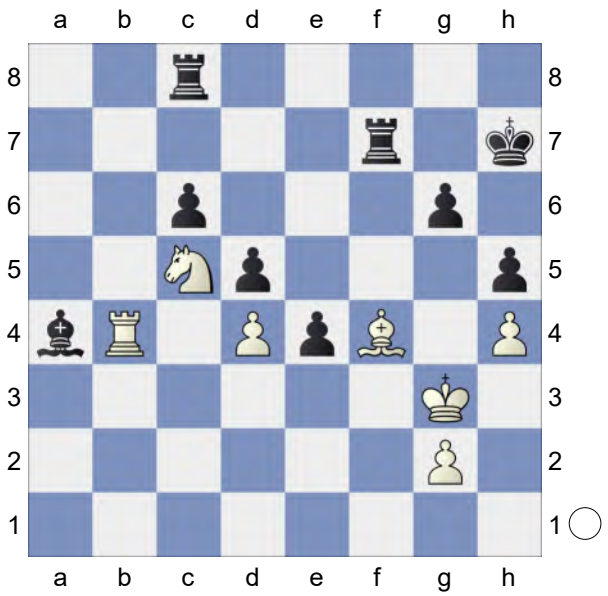
48...Rf7 1.82/22

[48...Be2± 0.98/22]

49.Rb3 1.17/25

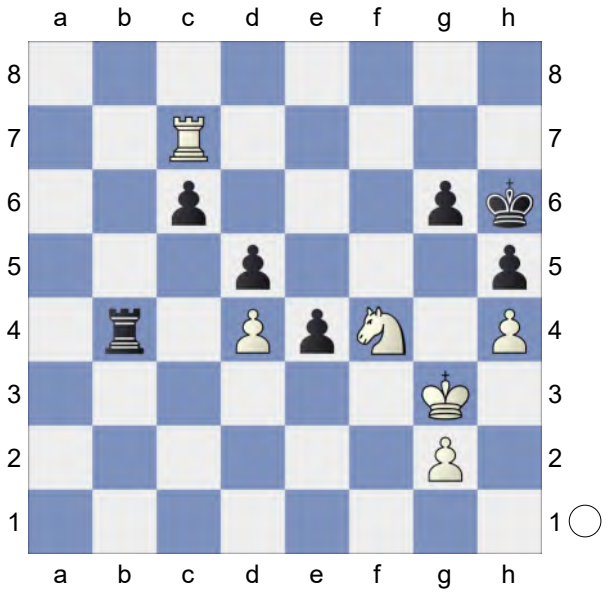
[White should try 49.Re3+- 1.82/22]

49...Bd1± 50.Rb4 Bxa4

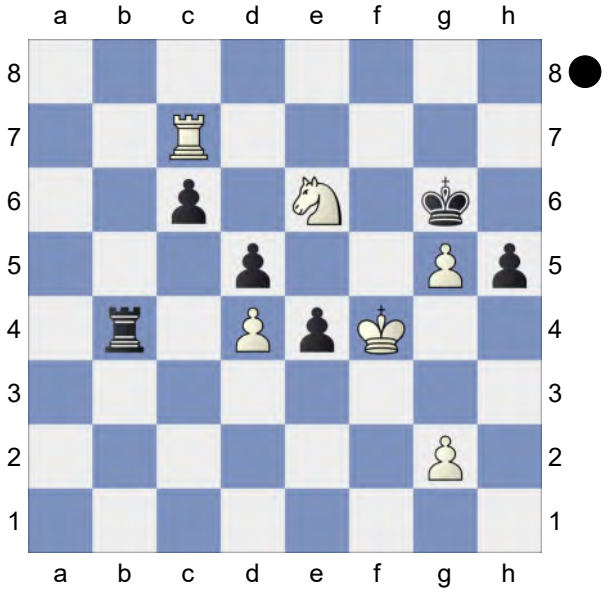


51.Rxa4 Rcf8? 3.15/23

[51...Re8± 0.98/23]
52.Ne6+- Rxf4 53.Nxf4 KRN-KR
53...Rb8? 6.69/22
[53...Rf6 3.65/23 54.Nh3 Kg8]
54.Ra7+ Kh6 55.Rc7 Rb4 11.69/24
[⌓55...Rb3+ 4.44/22 56.Kh2 Rc3 57.Nxd5 Rc4]



56.Ne6 Ng5 would kill now. **56...g5 57.hxg5+ Kg6 58.Kf4**



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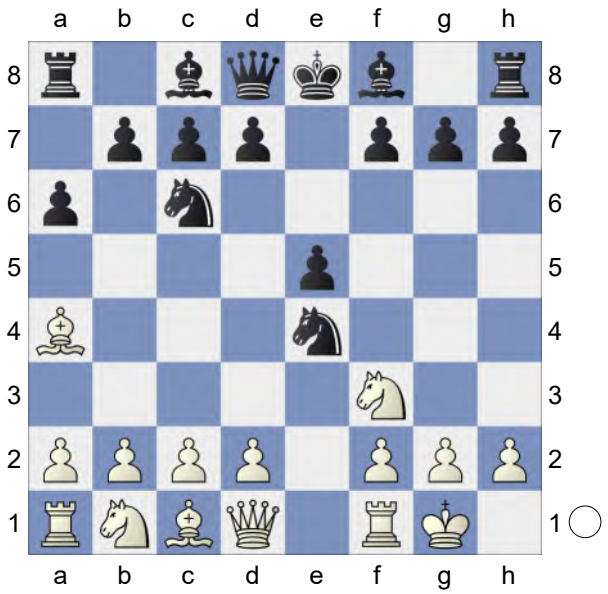
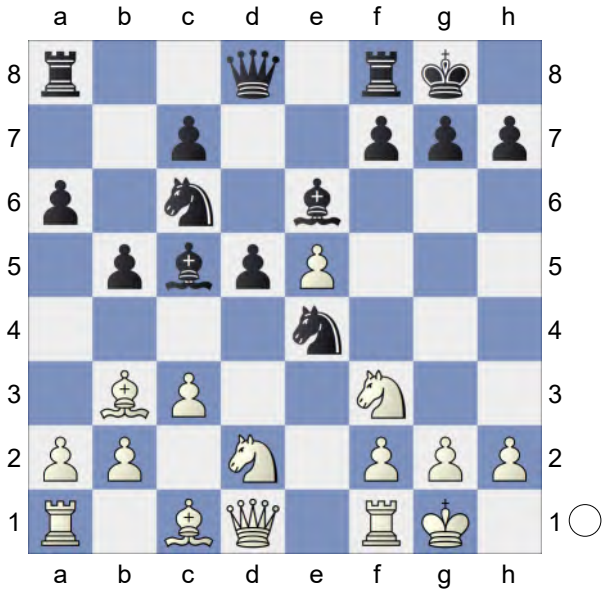
14 **C82**
□ **Berserkengine** **3009**
■ **Magnusglad** **2874**
Rapid 16.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

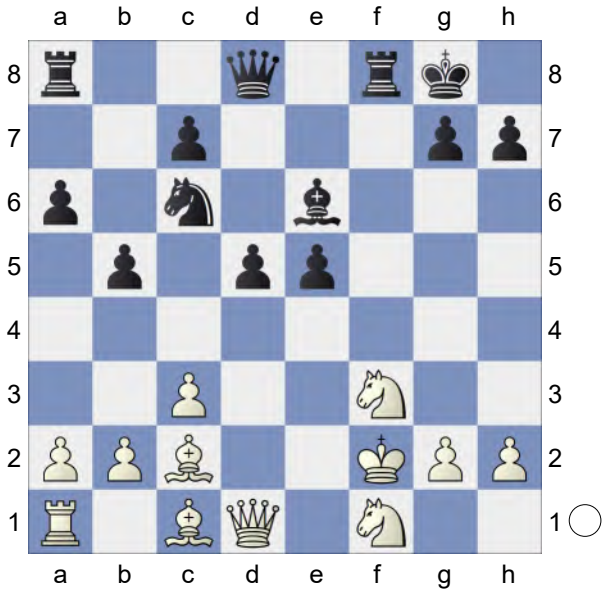
Blitz 10min+5sec
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



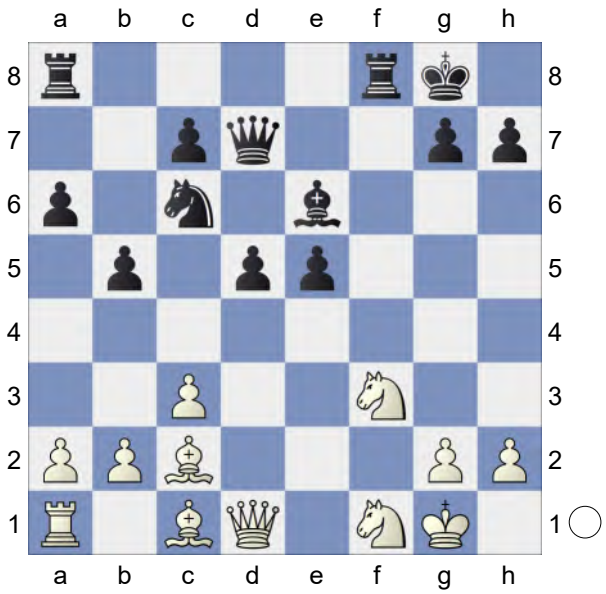
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 f6 14.Nf1 fxe5



15.Kg1 Bxh7+! would now be deadly.
15...Qd7



16.a4 White has compensation. **16...e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.b4 Qf7!**

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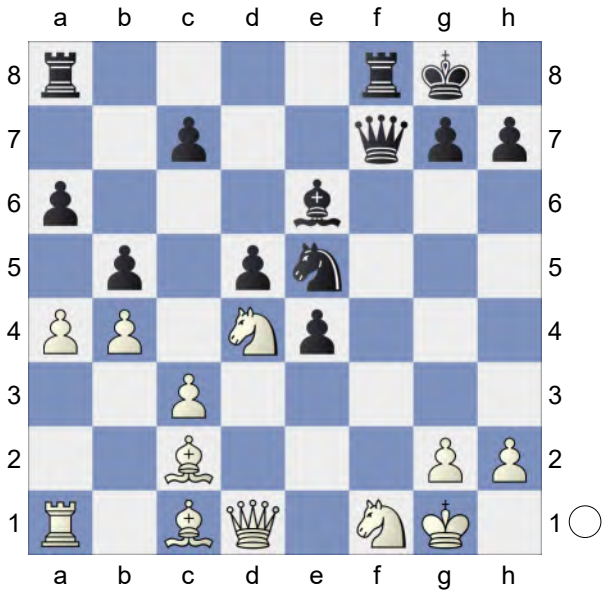

(-> ...Qf2+) **19.Bg5N**

[19.Qe1 Bd7 20.a5 Rae8 21.Be3 Qf6 22.Qg3 Rf7 23.Nd2 Ref8 24.h3 Qd6 25.Ne2 Re8 26.Bb3 Re6 27.Bc5 Nf3+ 28.gxf3 Qxg3+ 29.Nxg3 c6 30.Ndxe4 Rxf3 31.Bd1 Rd3 32.Be2 dxe4 33.Bxd3 exd3 1-0 (46) Lenaerts,L (2301)-Geirnaert, S (2425) BEL-ch Bruges 2023 (4) 34.Rd1 Rg6 35.Rxd3 Bxh3 36.Kh2 Rh6 37.Rd8+ Kf7 38.Be3 Rh4 39.Bg5 Rg4 40.Rd7+ Ke6 41.Rxg7 h6 42.Kxh3 Rxg5 43.Rxg5 hxg5 44.Ne4 Ke5 45.Nc5 Kf4 46.Kg2 1-0 Perez,F (2301)-Pinto,P (2425) Zadar 2004 (4)]

19...Bd7 20.a5 Qg6

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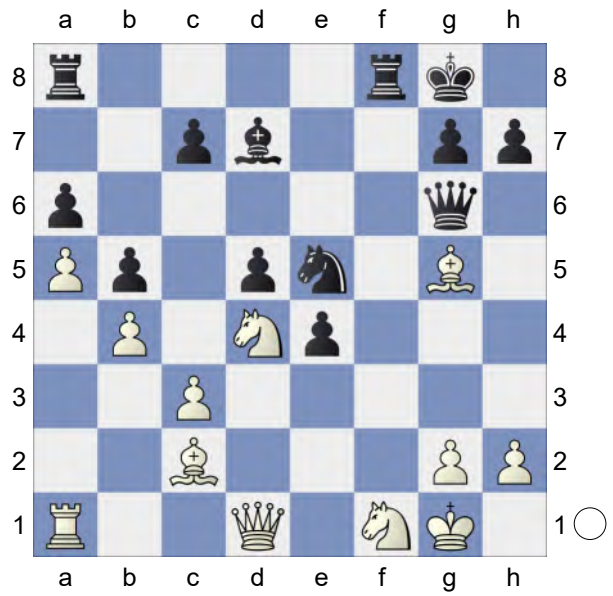
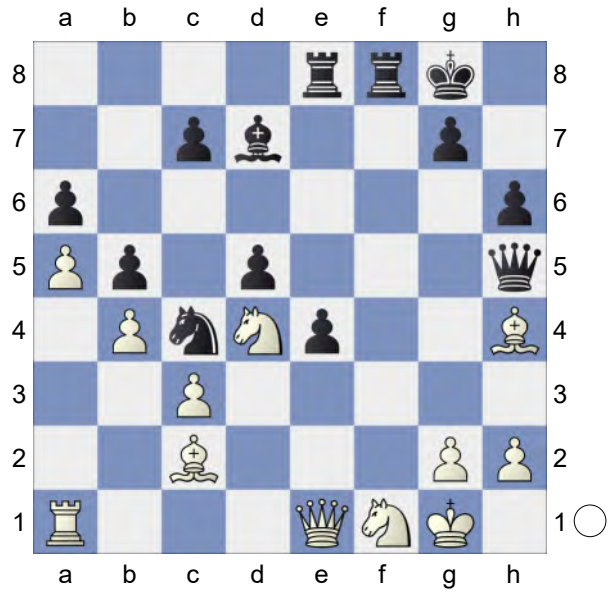
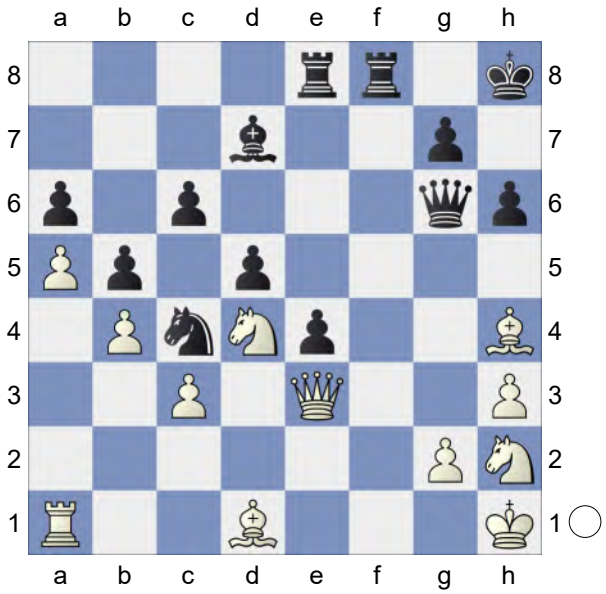


21.Bh4 Rae8 22.Qd2 Nc4 23.Qg5 Qf7 24.Qg3 h6 0.98/23
[24...e3± 0.48/21 25.Bd3 *(25.Qxc7? e2-+)* 25...Ne5]
25.Qe1 0.40/23
[Better is 25.Qxc7± 0.98/23 Re7 26.Qa7]
25...Qh5±

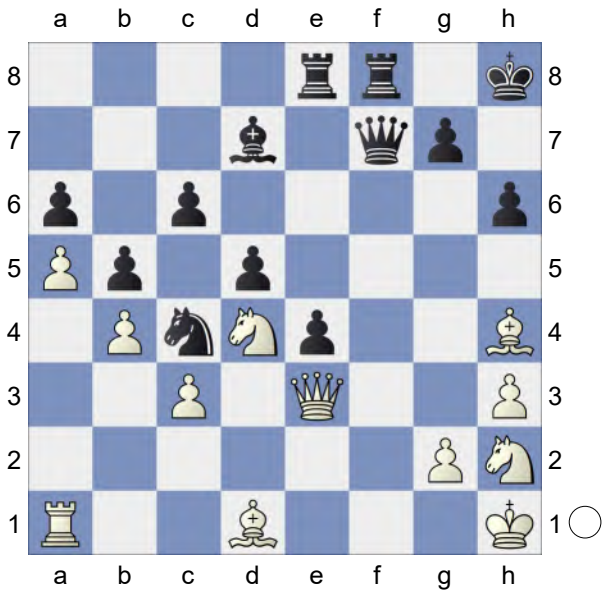


26.h3 Ne5! 27.Nh2 Kh8 White is slightly better. **28.Bd1** Really sharp!
28...Qg6 29.Kh1
[Much worse is 29.Qg3 Qd6 30.Qe3 Nc4=]

29...c6 30.Qe3 Nc4



31.Qe1 Ne5 32.Qe3 Nc4 33.Qg3 Qf7 ...g5 would now be deadly. **34.Qe1 Ne5 35.Qe3 Nc4**



36.Qg1 Qf4
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37.Be1

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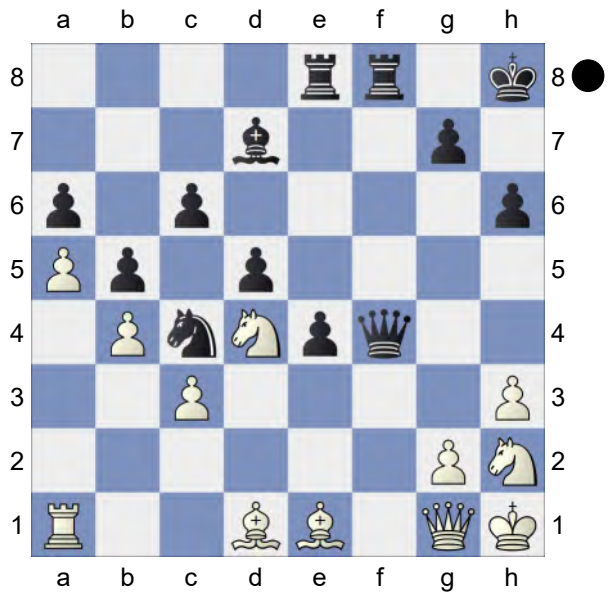

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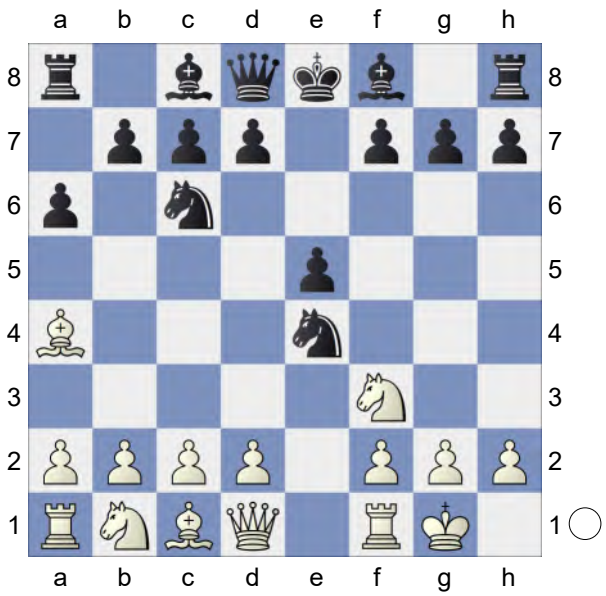
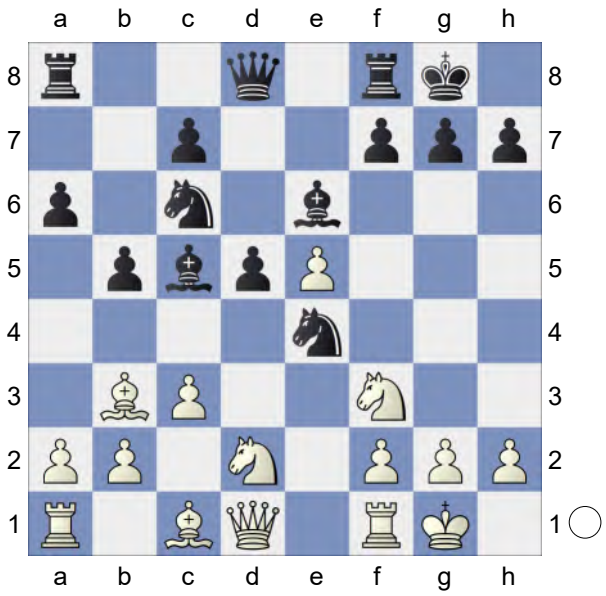
15 **C82**
□ **Torombot** **3072**
■ **Raspfish** **3038**
Rapid 16.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

(Diagram)



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1 fxe5 15.Kg1 Bg4**

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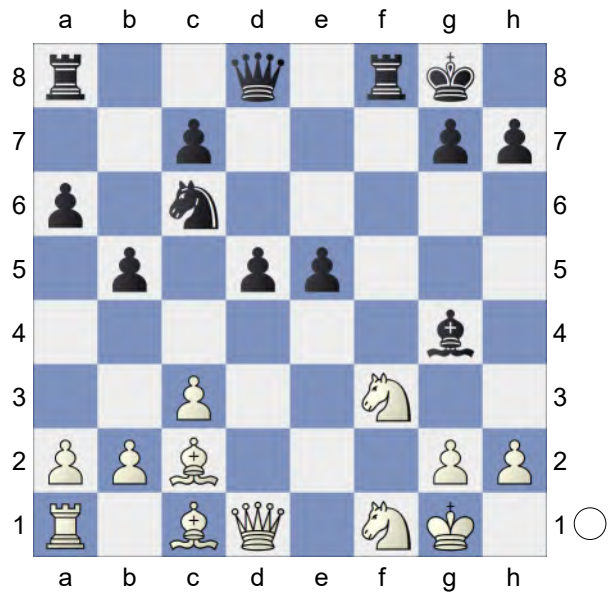
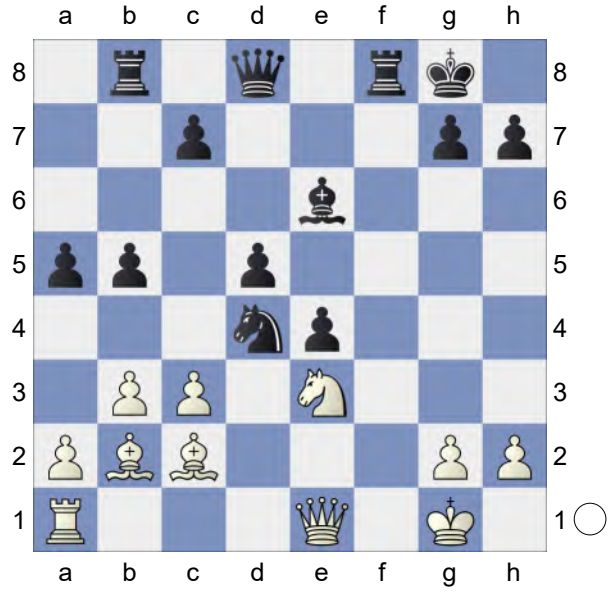
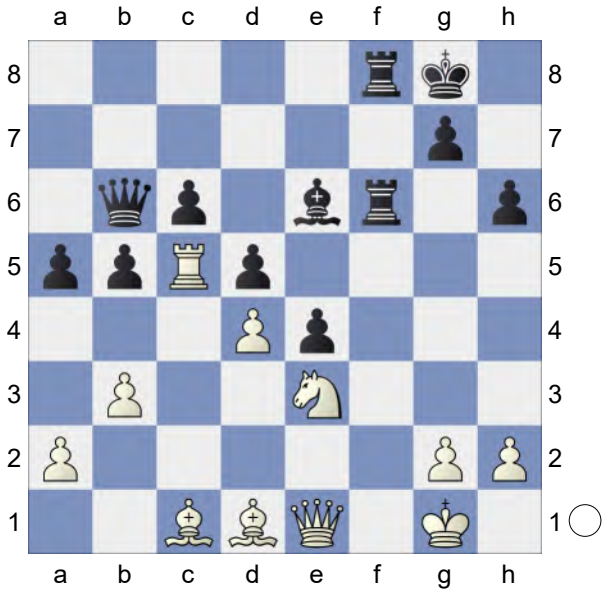


16.Ne3 White has compensation.
16...Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1
[19.a4 e4 20.Nd4 Qg5 21.Bc1]
19...e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4



21.cxd4 Rf6 22.Bd1 c6 23.Rc1N
[23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 Qxb3 33.Bh5 c5 34.Be5 cxd4 35.Bxd4 Qb8 36.Qc1 Qd6 37.Qc3 Bxh3 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]
23...Qb6 24.Rc5 Rbf8 25.Bc1 h6



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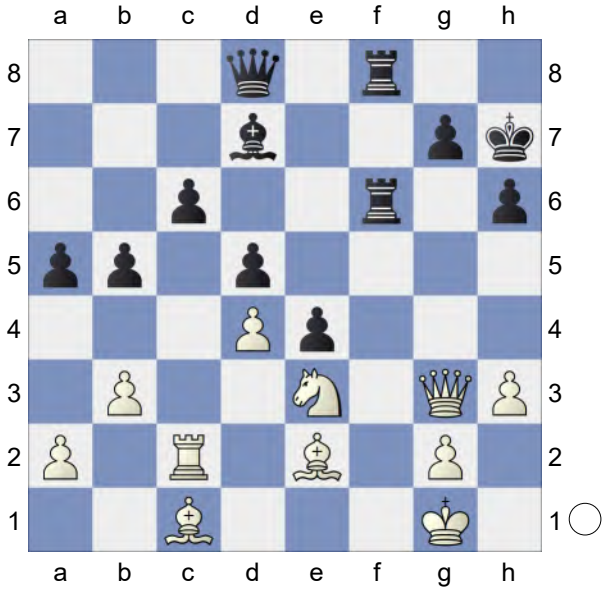

31.Ng4 Rg6 32.Qe1 Bxg4 33.Bxg4 Rgf6 34.Be2 Dodges Rf1+ **34...b4 35.Be3 Qc7**

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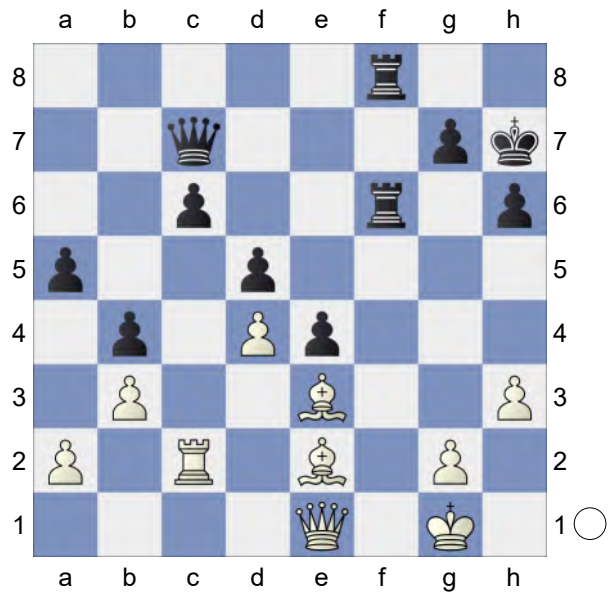
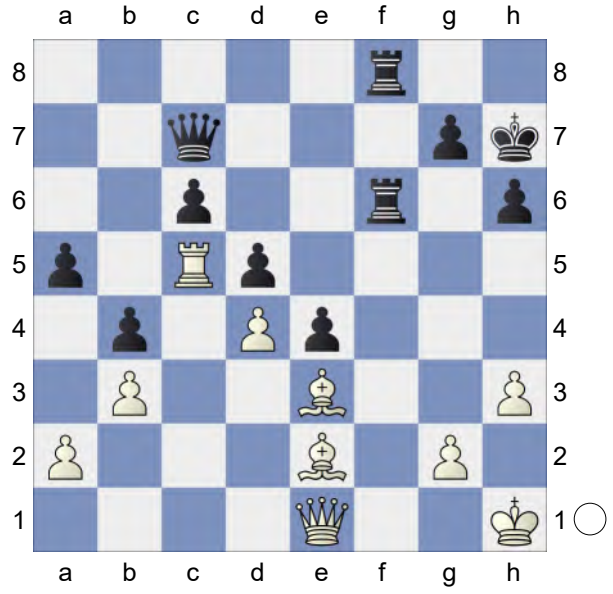


36.Rb2 Qb8 37.Kh1

[37.h4 with more complications. Qc7 38.Rc2 Kg8 39.Kh1]

37...R6f7 38.Rd2 Qd6 39.Rc2 Rf6 40.Rc5 Qc7



41.Kg1 Qb6 42.Rc2 Qb8 43.Rc1 Qb7 44.Kh2 Qa7 45.Rb1 Ra8

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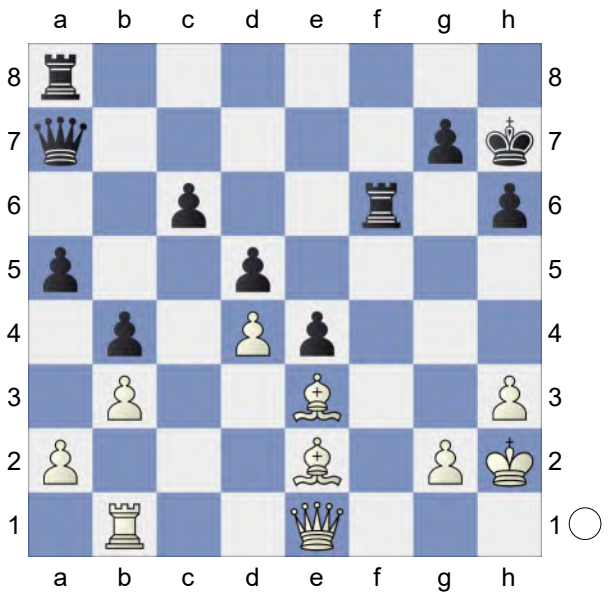
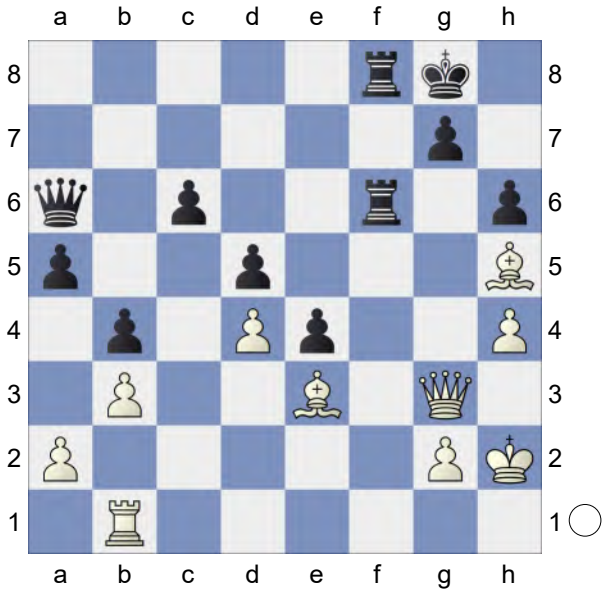


46.Qg3 Raf8 47.h4 Rg6 48.Qe5 Rgf6 49.Qg3 Kg8 50.Bh5 Qa6



51.Rd1 Against Qd3 **51...Qb7 52.Bd2 Qe7 53.Rc1 Qa7 54.Rc5 Rf5 55.Bg4 Rf1**

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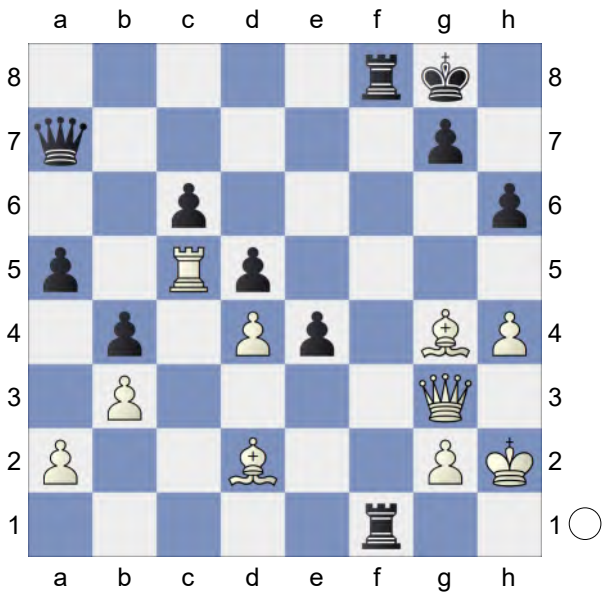
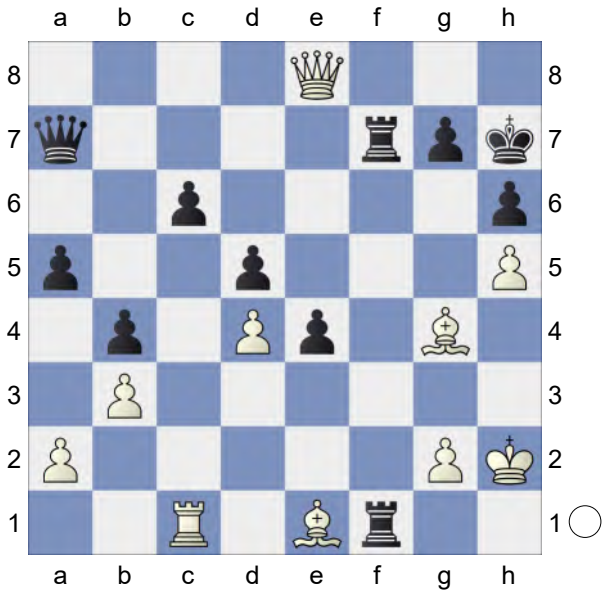
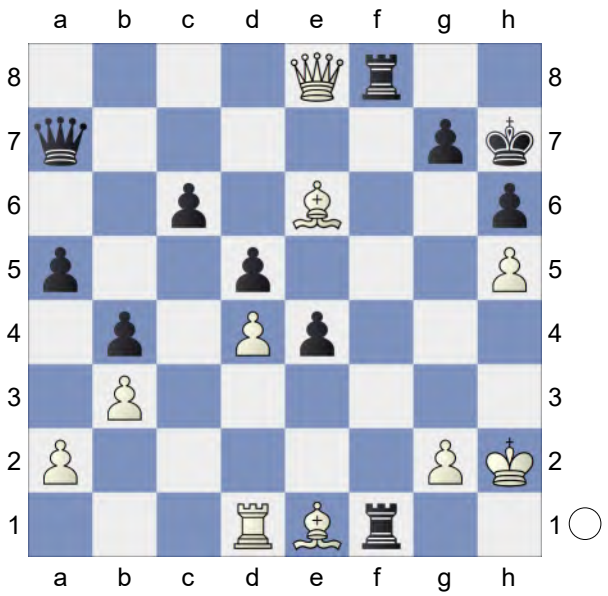


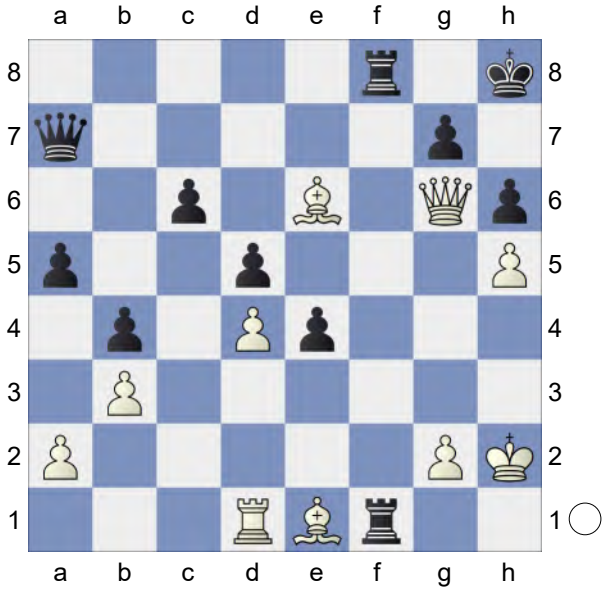
56.h5
[56.Rxc6 Qxd4 57.Be6+ *(57.Be3? Qa1-+)* 57...Kh8 58.Bxh6 *(58.Be3? Qd1-+)* 58...gxh6-+]
56...R8f6 57.Qe5 Kh7 58.Rc1! Qa6 59.Be1! Rf7
[59...Qd3 60.Bg3 Rf8 *(60...Rxc1 61.Bf5+ Rxf5 62.Qxf5+ Kh8 63.Qf8+ Kh7 64.Be5+-)* 61.Qe7± *(61.Rxc6 Qb1=)*]
60.Qe8 Qa7



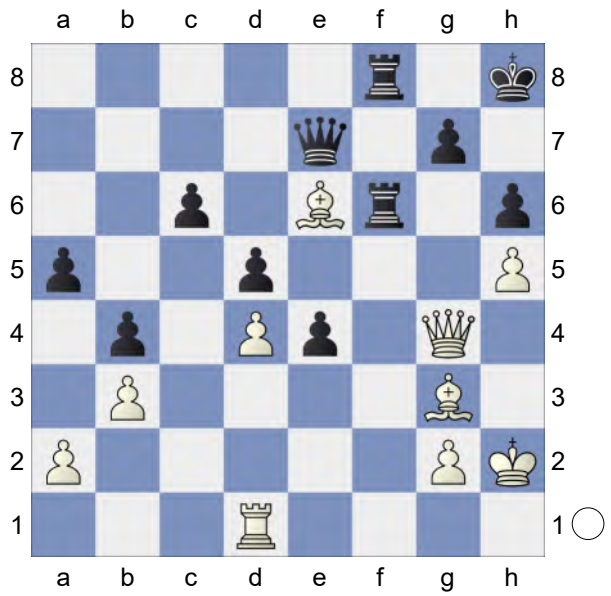
61.Rd1 R7f6 62.Be6 Dancing on a razor blade. **62...Rf8**



63.Qg6+!
[63.Qxc6 Qe7 64.Bh3 *(64.Bxd5? Rxe1* Remove Defender, Decoy *65.Rxe1 Qh4+ 66.Kg1 Qxe1+ 67.Kh2 Qh4+ 68.Kg1 e3-+)* 64...Qf7∓]
63...Kh8

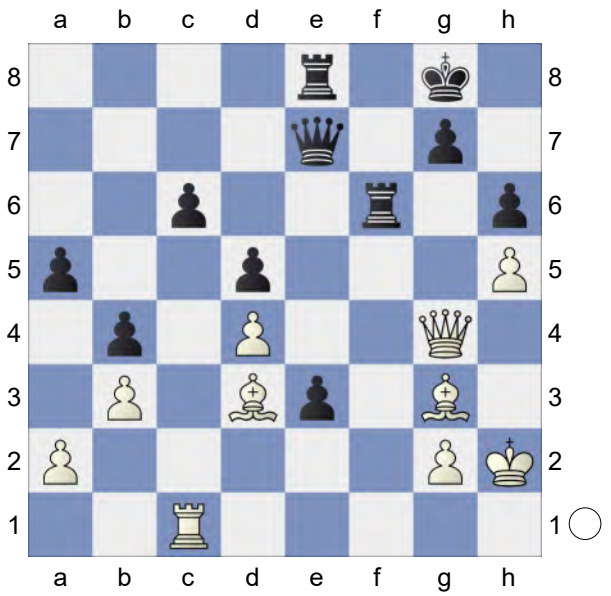


And now ...Qe7 would win. **64.Bg3!**
R1f6
[64...Rxd1 65.Be5]
65.Qg4→ White wants a kill. White is much more active. **65...Qe7**
(Diagram)

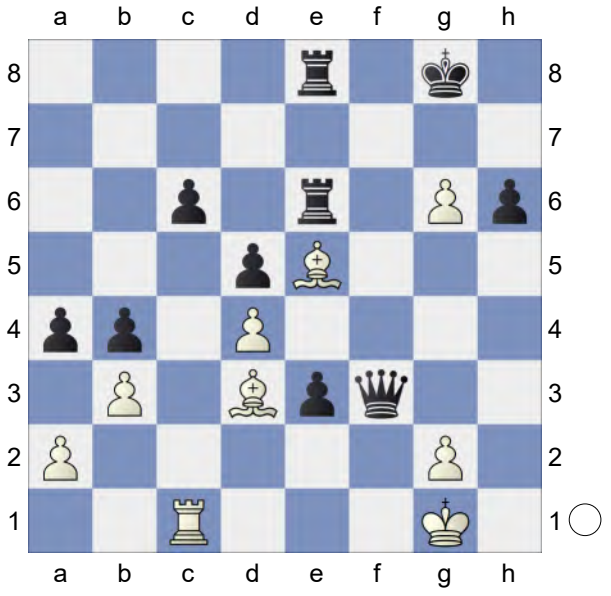


66.Bd7 This pair of bishops is nice.
66...R6f7 1.42/23
[⌓66...e3 0.87/21]
67.Bc8±
[67.Bxc6?! Rf5±]
67...e3 68.Rc1 Black is weak on the light squares This costs Black the game.
68...Re8? 3.09/20
[68...Rf1± 0.86/18 was necessary. 69.Rxf1 Rxf1]
69.Bf5+-
[69.Rxc6 e2 70.Re6 Qf8 71.Rxe8 *(71.Qxe2 Rxc8 72.Be5 Kg8∓; 71.Ba6? Rxe6* Remove Defender *72.Qxe6 Re7-+)* 71...Qxe8∓]
69...Rf6 70.Bd3 Kg8

(Diagram)



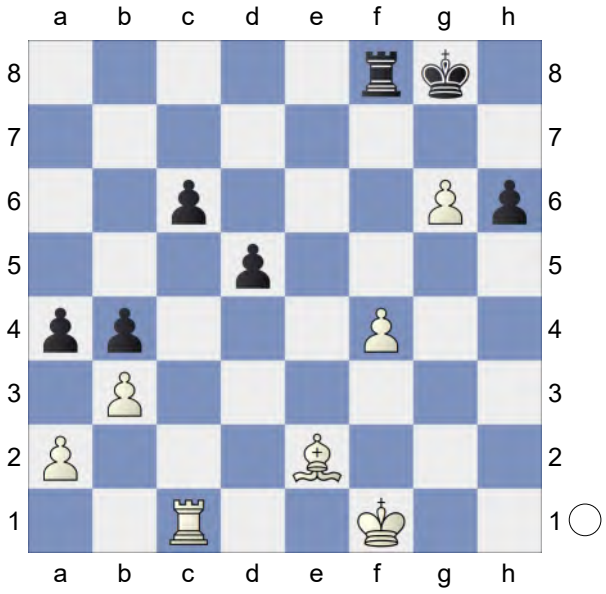
71.Kg1 a4 72.Be5
[72.bxa4 Qe6 *(72...e2? 73.Be5+-)* 73.Qxe6+ Rfxe6+-]
72...Re6 73.Qf5
[73.bxa4 Rxe5 74.dxe5 Qxe5+-]
73...g6 74.hxg6 Qf8 75.Qf3
[75.bxa4 Qxf5 76.Bxf5 Rxe5 77.dxe5 Rxe5+-]
75...Qxf3



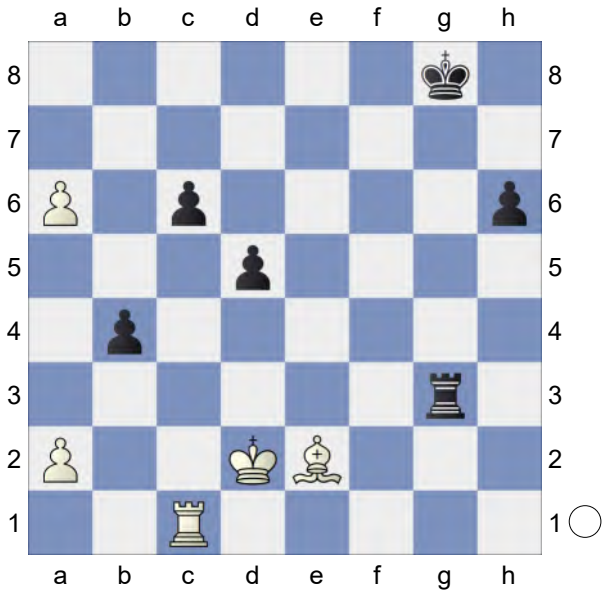
76.gxf3 Rxe5 77.dxe5 Rxe5
Endgame KRB-KR **78.f4**
[Weaker is 78.bxa4 c5 79.f4 *(79.Rxc5 e2+-)* 79...Re8+-]

[Not 78.Rxc6 e2 79.Rc8+ *(79.bxa4* leads to mate. *e1Q+ 80.Kh2 Rh5+ 81.Kg2 Rg5+ 82.Kh3 Qh1#)* 79...Kg7 80.Rc7+ *(80.bxa4 e1Q+ 81.Kh2 Rh5+ 82.Kg2 Rg5+ 83.Kh3 Qh1#)* 80...Kg8 81.Rc8+ *(81.bxa4 e1Q+ 82.Kh2 Rh5+ 83.Kg2 Rg5+ 84.Kh3 Qh1#)* 81...Kg7 82.Rc7+ Kg8 83.Bxe2 Rxe2 84.bxa4 Rxa2=]

78...Re8 79.Kf1 e2+ 80.Bxe2 Rf8

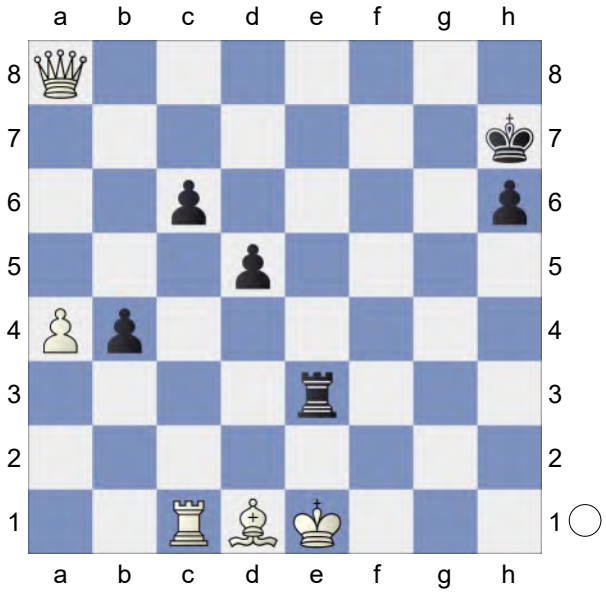


81.bxa4 Rxf4+ 82.Ke1 Rf6 83.a5 Rxg6 84.a6 Rg1+ 85.Kd2 Rg3



86.a4 a7! would kill now. **86...Ra3**

87.Bd1 Ra2+ 88.Ke1 And now a7! would win. **88...Ra3 89.a7 Kh7 90.a8Q** White mates. **90...Re3+**



91.Kf2 Ra3 92.Rxc6 Ra2+ 93.Be2 h5 94.Qb7+ Kh8

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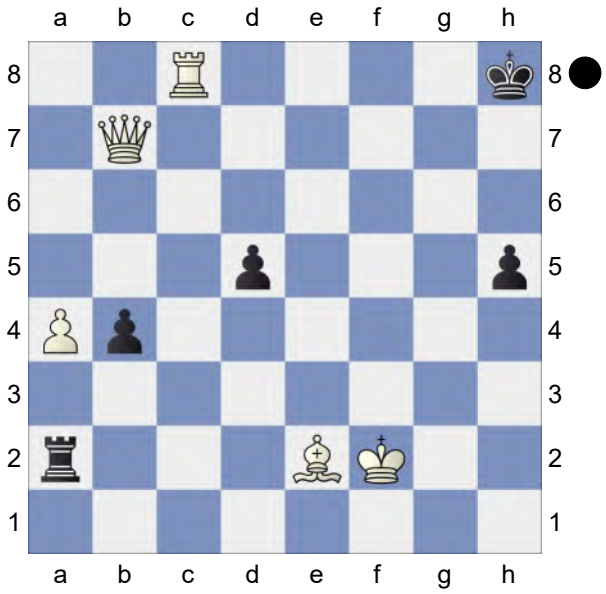
95.Rc8#



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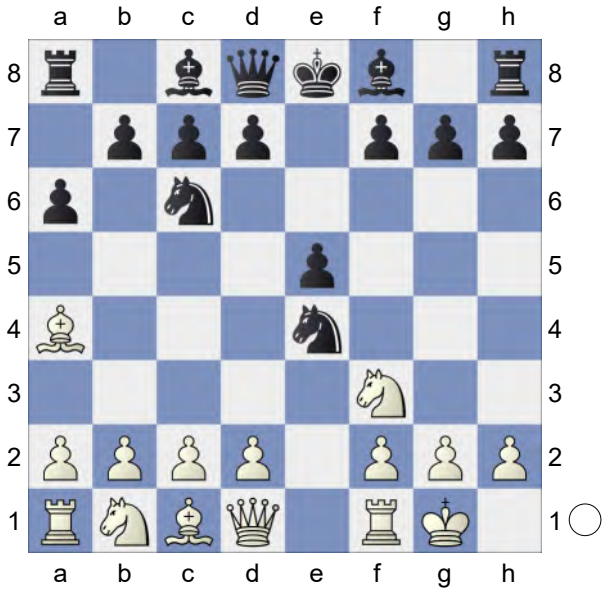
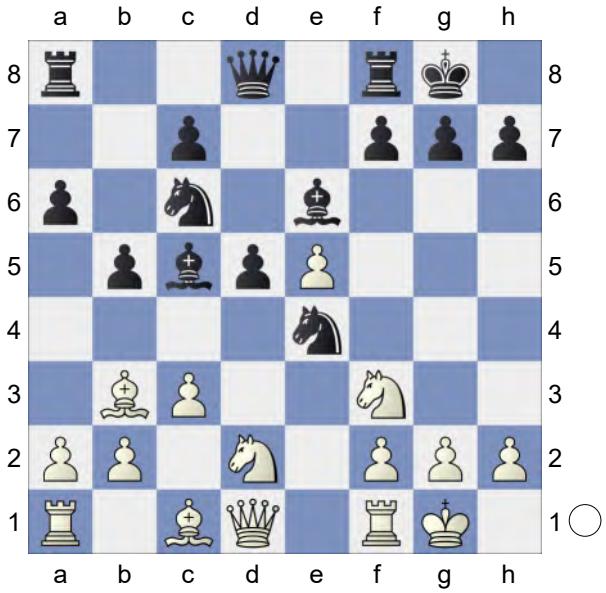
16 **C82**
□ **Torombot** **3066**
■ **Raspfish** **3027**
Rapid 20.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



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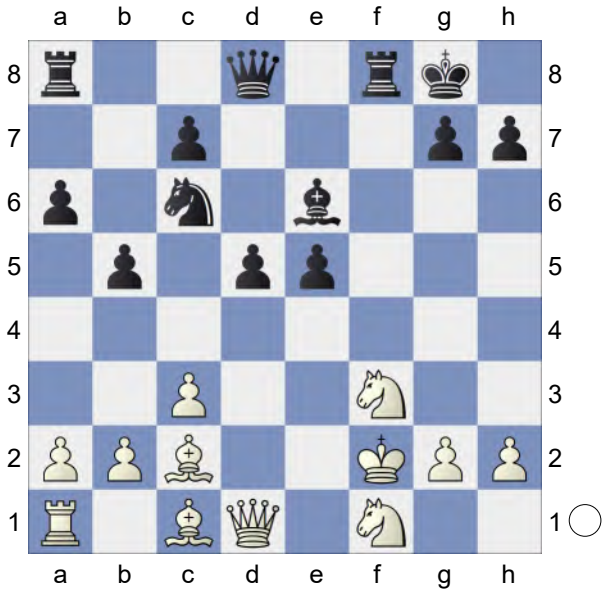
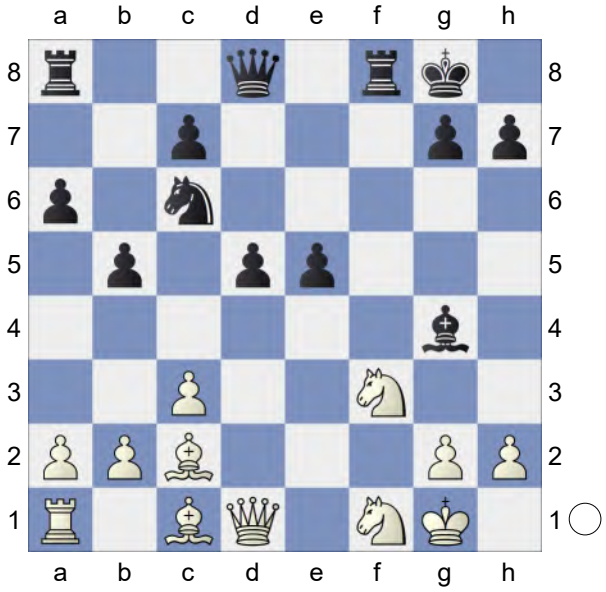
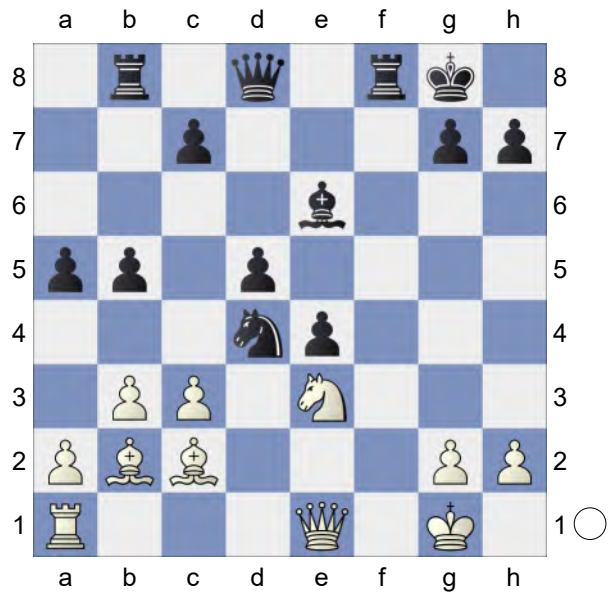


and ...e4 should not be overlooked
15.Kg1 Bg4

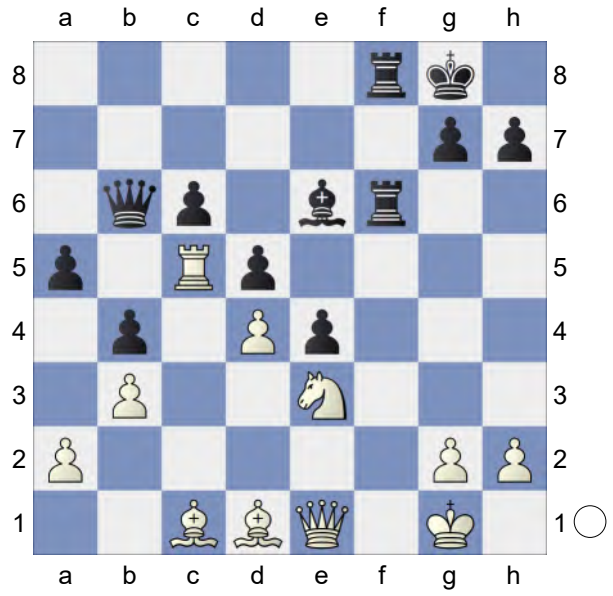


16.Ne3! White has compensation.
16...Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4

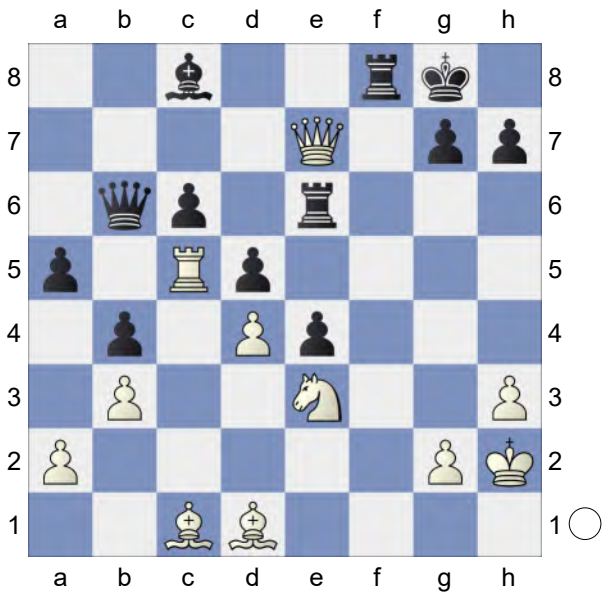
(Diagram)



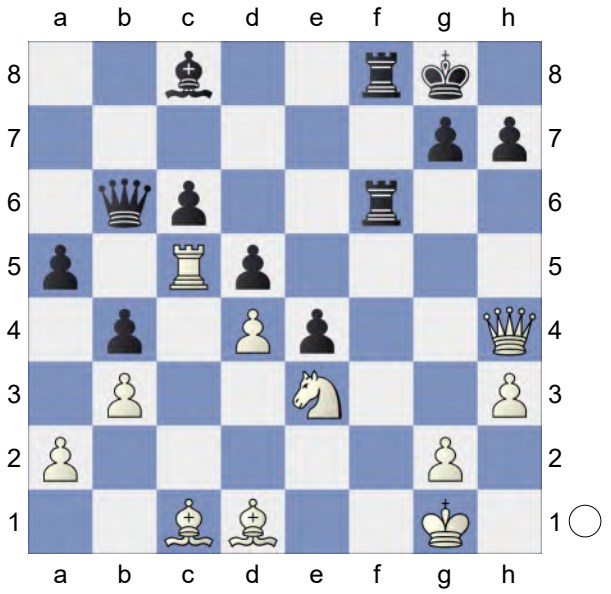
21.cxd4 c6 22.Rc1N
[22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 Qxb3 33.Bh5 c5 34.Be5 cxd4 35.Bxd4 Qb8 36.Qc1 Qd6 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]
22...Rf6 23.Bd1 Qb6 24.Rc5 Rbf8 25.Bc1 b4



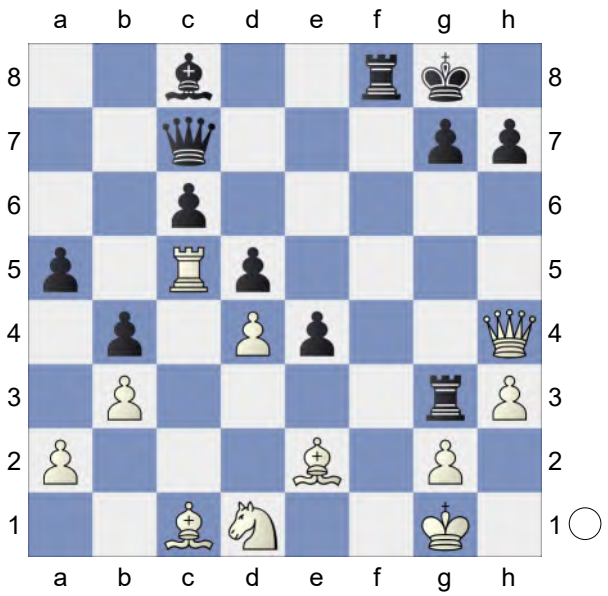
26.h3 Bc8 27.Qg3 Rg6 28.Qh4 Rgf6 29.Kh2 Rh6 30.Qe7 Re6



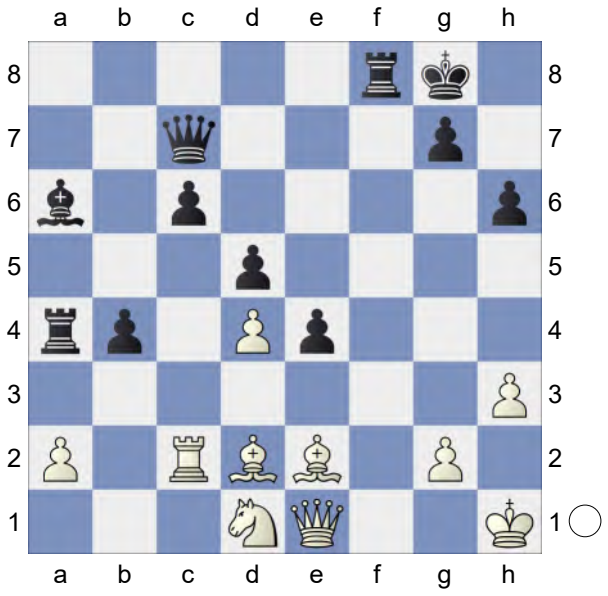
31.Qh4 Rh6 32.Qe1 Rg6 33.Kg1 Rgf6
[33...Bxh3? 34.Bh5 Rg5 35.Qh4 Rxh5 36.Qxh5+-]
34.Qg3 Rg6! 35.Qh4 Rgf6



36.Bh5 0.21/22
[36.Qe1± 0.62/21
is more appropriate.]
36...Qc7= 37.Be2 Prevents Ba6. Chess con chili. Active counter play! **37...Qf7 38.Kh2 Rg6 39.Nd1 Qc7+ 40.Kg1 Rg3**
(Diagram)

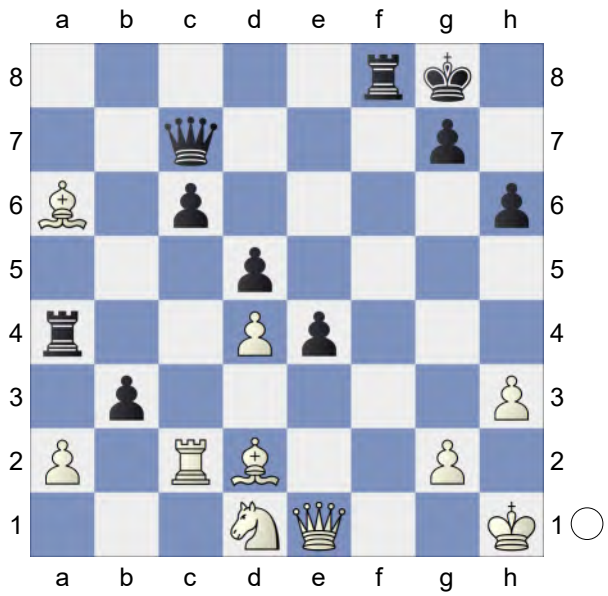


41.Kh1! a4 42.bxa4 h6 43.Bd2
[43.a5 Kh7 44.Bd2 Rf6 45.Be1]
43...Ra3 44.Rc2 Rxa4 45.Qe1
The position is equal.
[45.Bb5 Qb8 46.Be2 Ba6 47.Bxa6 Rxa6∓]
45...Ba6

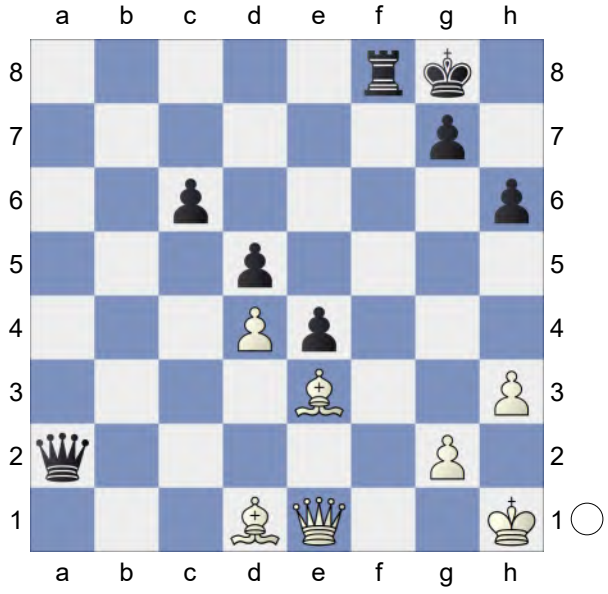


46.Bxa6 Black must now prevent Bb5.
[46.Bxb4 Rxb4 47.Bxa6 *(47.Qxb4? Bxe2 48.Ne3 Bd3-+)* 47...Rxd4∓]
46...b3!

(Diagram)

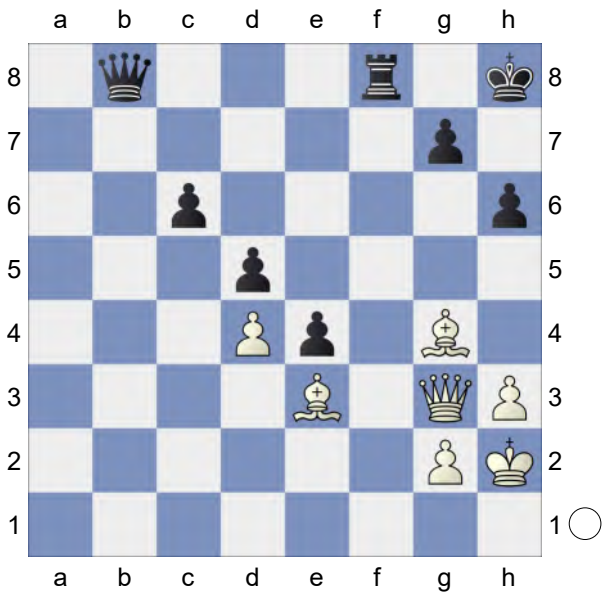


Discovered Attack **47.Bb5 bxc2**
[47...bxa2 seems wilder. 48.Bxa4 a1Q 49.Bxc6 Kh8]
48.Bxa4 This pair of bishops is nice.
48...cxd1Q 49.Bxd1 Qa7 50.Be3 Qxa2



51.Bg4 Qb3 52.Qg3 Kh8 53.Kh2 Qb8 54.Bd7 Qb7
[54...Qxg3+?! 55.Kxg3 Rf6 56.Bf4±]
55.Bg4 Qb8

(Diagram)

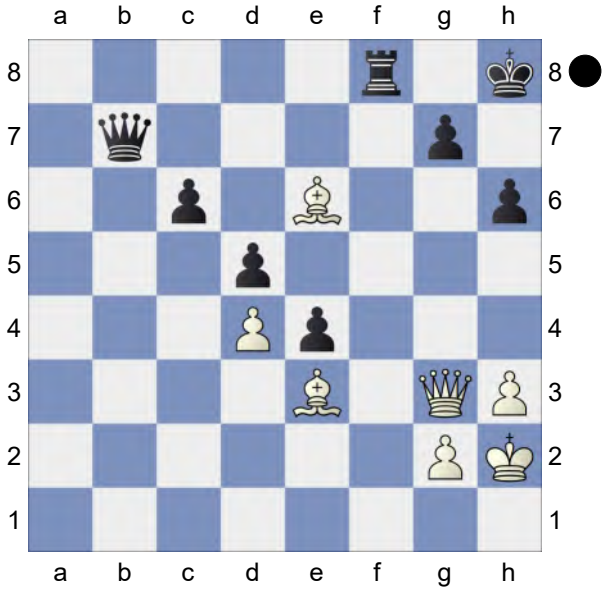


Prevents Bf4. **56.Bd7 Qb7**

[Much worse is 56...Qxg3+ 57.Kxg3 Rf6 58.Bf4±]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

57.Be6



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17 **C82**

□ **Riptorn** **3026**

■ **Arasanx** **2975**

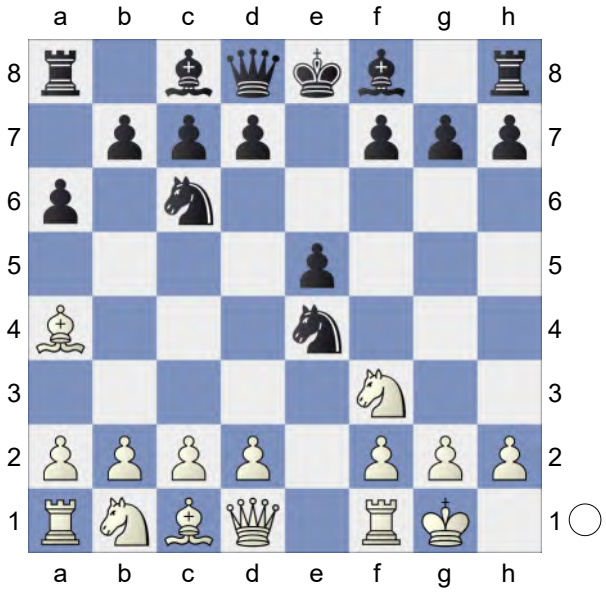
Blitz 24.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

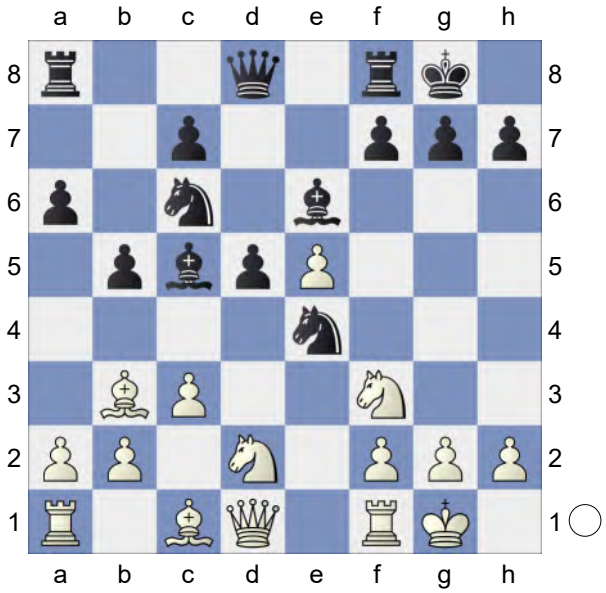
Blitz 7min

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



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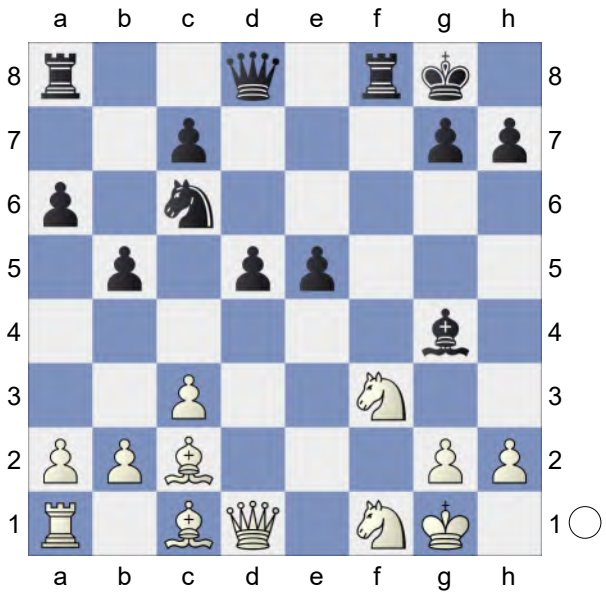
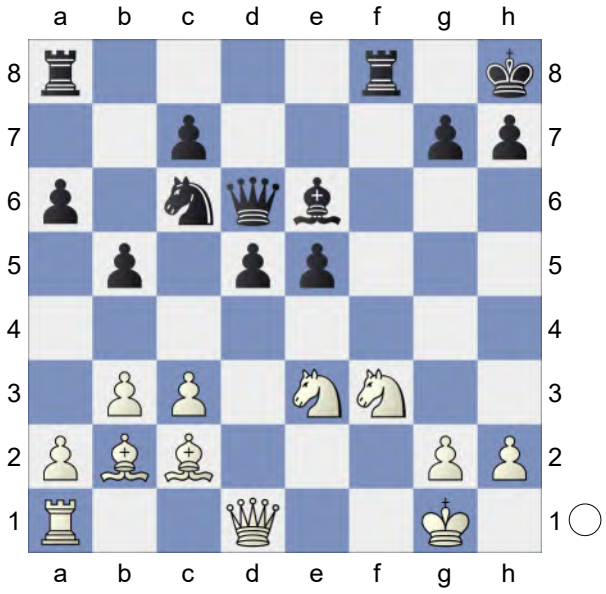


16.Ne3! White has compensation.
16...Be6 17.Nf1 Hoping for Ng5.
[17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6 26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 Qg6 31.Qxg6+ Kxg6 1-0 (58) Vachier Lagrave,M (2722)-Deac,B (2668) Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (15.3)]
17...Bg4 and ...e4 should not be overlooked **18.Ne3↑** White is pushing.
18...Be6 19.b3 Kh8N
[19...a5 20.Bb2 Qe7 21.Qe1 e4 22.Nd4 Nxd4 23.cxd4 Rf7 24.Bd1 Raf8 25.Be2 Rf2 26.Nd1 e3 27.Nxe3 Bg4 28.Bxg4 Rxb2 29.Nxd5 Qg5 30.Bf3 Kh8 31.Qxa5 Rc2 32.Qe1 c5 33.h4 Qd8 34.Qe4 1-0 (41) Kuybokarov,T (2584)-Matlakov,M (2674) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (1) Rd2 35.dxc5 Re8 36.Qf5 Qxh4 37.Rf1 Qd4+ 38.Kh1 Qh4+ 39.Qh3 Qg5 40.Qh5 Qxh5+ 41.Bxh5 1-0 Kuybokarov,T (2584)-Matlakov,M (2674) E Grand Swiss 2023 (1.37)]
[19...d4 20.Qd3 g6 21.cxd4 Nxd4 22.Bb2 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Rxf3 24.Qe2 Qg5+ 25.Ng2 Raf8 26.h4 Qg3 27.Bxe5 Qg4 28.Re1 Bd5 29.Bd1 Qf5 30.Bd4 Rg3 31.Bc2 Qd7 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Nakamura,H (2787) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2023 (4.28)]
20.Bb2 Qd6



21.Qe1! Rae8 0.78/21
[21...Rf4± 0.34/20 is superior.]

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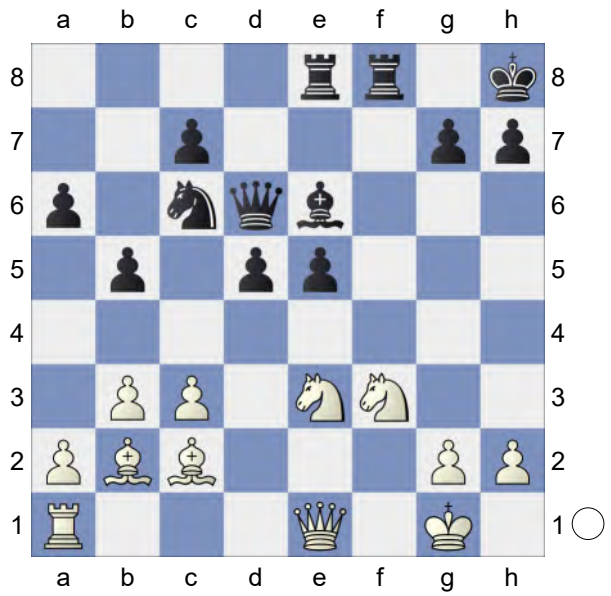
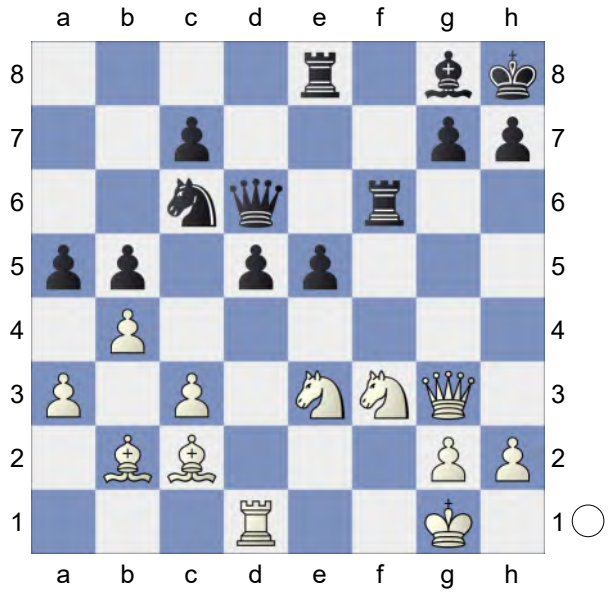
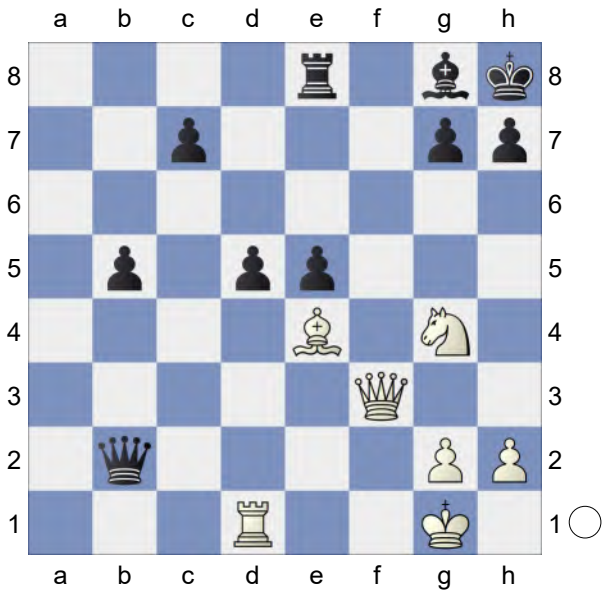


22.Qg3!± Rf4 23.Rd1 White leaves nothing to chance now. **23...Bg8** 0.93/19
[23...Ref8!± 0.55/21]
24.b4 a5 25.a3
[25.Bb3 d4=]
25...Rf6 1.32/19
[⌓25...axb4 0.81/21 26.cxb4 d4]



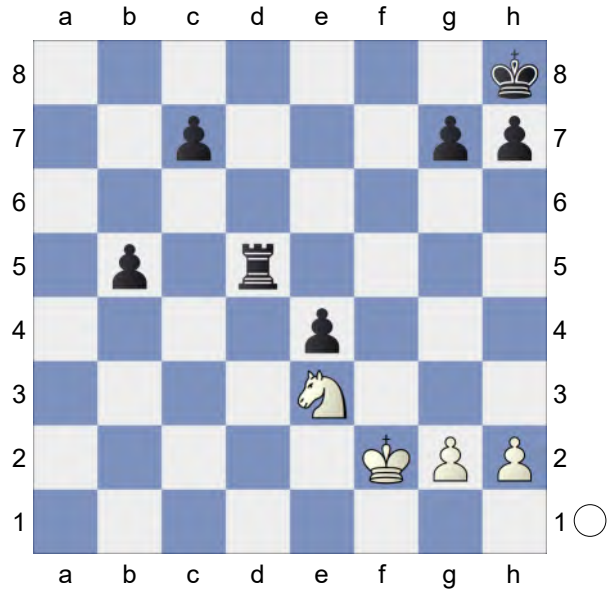
26.Be4 White is much more active.
26...axb4 27.axb4
[27.Nxd5 bxa3 28.Bxa3 Qxa3∓ *(28...Rxf3? 29.Bxd6 Rxg3 30.Nxc7+-* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *)*]
27...Nxb4 28.cxb4 Qxb4 29.Ng4 Dancing on a razor blade.
[29.Bxe5?! Rxe5 *(29...Qxe4? 30.Bxf6 gxf6 31.Ng4+-)* 30.Nxe5 *(30.Qxe5 Qxe4 31.Qxe4 dxe4±)* 30...Qxe4±]
[29.Nxd5 Bxd5 30.Rxd5 Qxe4 31.Rxe5 Qb1+ 32.Qe1 Qxe1+ *(32...Qxb2 33.Rxe8+)* 33.Nxe1 Rfe6 *(33...Rxe5? 34.Bxe5 Rc6 35.Kf2-+)* 34.Rxe6 Rxe6=]
[29.Nf5 Rg6 *(29...Qxe4 30.Qxg7#)* 30.Qf2 Qxe4= *(30...dxe4 31.Nxe5 Rf6 32.Nc6±)*]
29...Rxf3 30.Qxf3
[30.Bxf3 Qxb2 31.Ne3 *(31.Bxd5? Bxd5 32.h3 c6-+)* 31...e4=]
30...Qxb2



31.Bxd5 e4 32.Qf2
[Don't do 32.Bxe4 Qb4 33.Bd3 c5±]
32...Qxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Rd8 34.Ne3 Bxd5 2.38/28
[⌓34...b4 1.71/21 35.Bxe4 Discovered Attack Rxd1 36.Nxd1 c5]
35.Rxd5+-
[35.Nxd5 b4 *(35...c6 36.Nc3±)*

36.Ke3 h5 37.Kxe4 h4]

35...Rxd5



36.Nxd5 Endgame KN-KP **36...c5**
37.Nc3 White is clearly winning. **37...b4**
38.Nxe4 b3 7.21/33
[⌓38...Kg8 4.32/27 39.Nxc5 Kf7]
39.Ke3
[39.Nxc5? b2 40.Ne6 b1Q-+ *(40...b1B 41.Ke3=)*]
39...b2 40.Nd2
[40.Nxc5? is the wrong capture. b1Q *(40...b1B 41.Kd4=)* 41.Ne4 Qg1+ 42.Kf3 Qxh2-+]
40...Kg8

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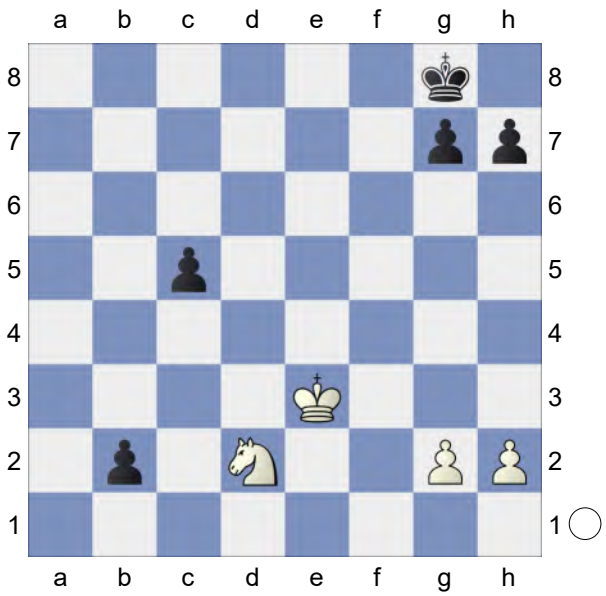
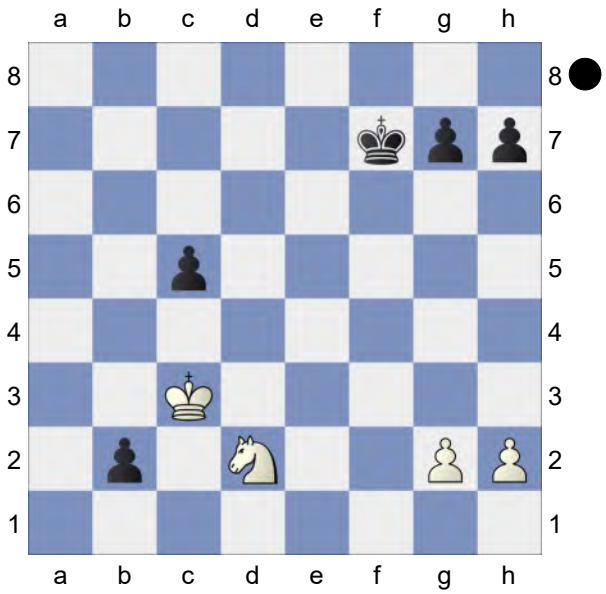


41.Kd3! Kf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
42.Kc3



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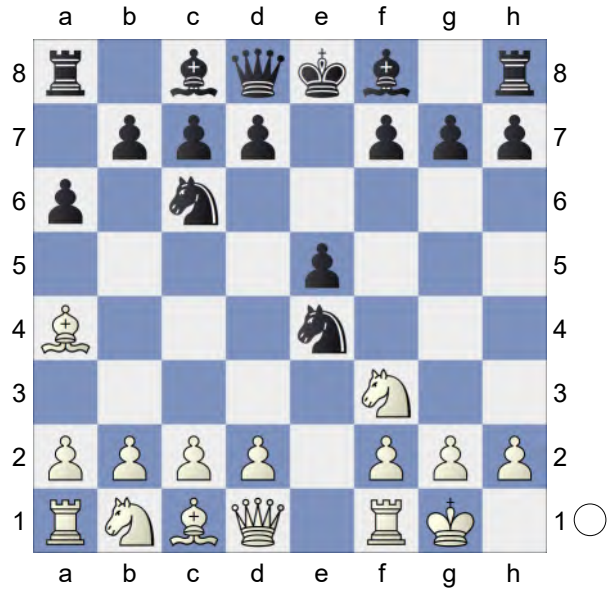
18 **C82**
□ **Bird Xx** **3061**
■ **Nikitosik Ai** **3024**
Blitz 16.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



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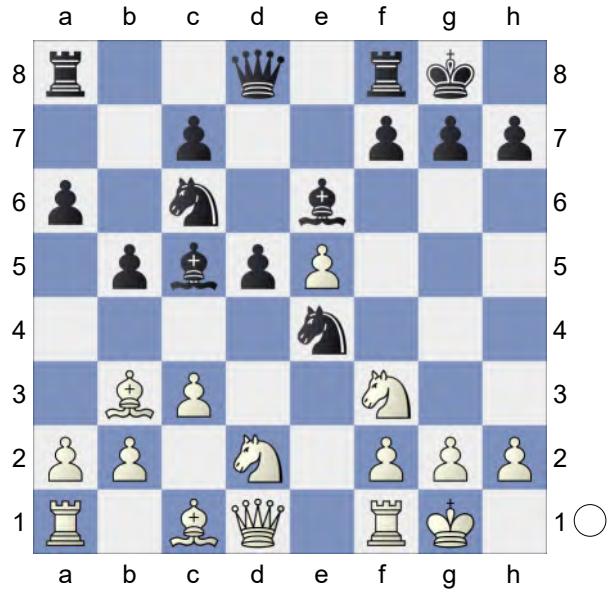
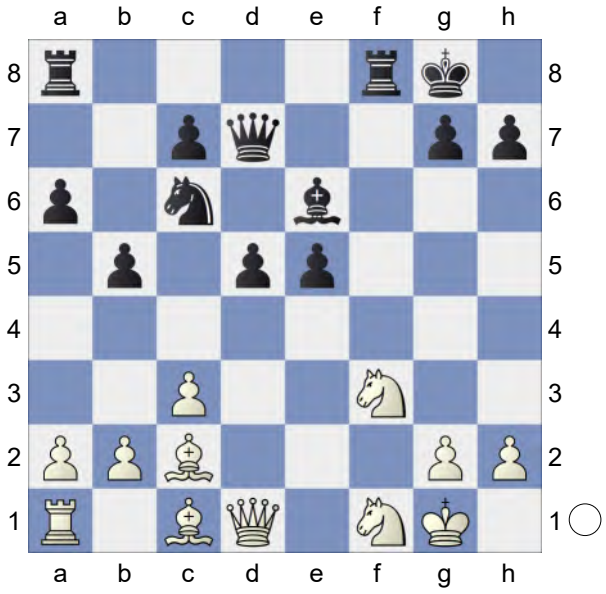


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1 fxe5 15.Kg1 Qd7**
[15...Bg4 16.Ne3 Be6 17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6 26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 1-0 (58) Vachier Lagrave,M (2722)-Deac,B (2668) Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (15.3)]

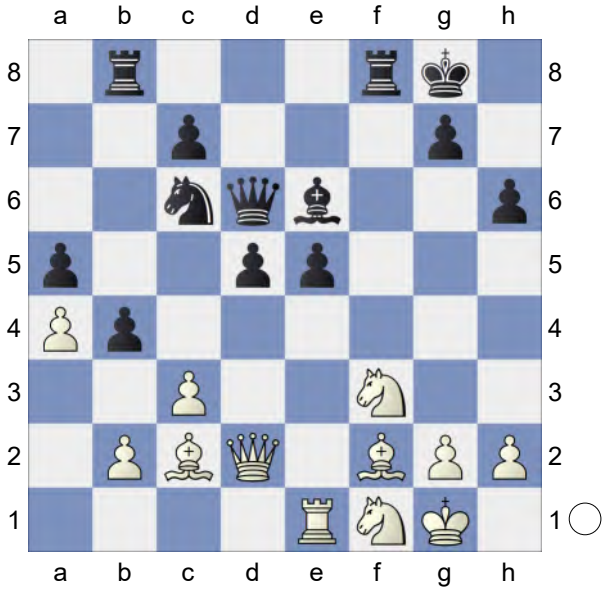


16.a4 White has compensation.
[16.Bg5 Rae8 17.Qd2 d4 18.Ng3 h6 19.Bh4 dxc3 20.Qxc3 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Nd4 22.Bd1 Rf8 23.Ne4 Bc4 24.Kg2 Rf4 25.Be1 Qf5 26.Nd2 e4 27.Bg3 exf3+ 28.Kf2 Rg4 29.Nxc4 bxc4 30.Bxf3 Nxf3 1-0 (39) 4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4 (2750)-Deslandes,P (2786) TCh-Playoffs 2001 (4)]
16...h6N Prevents Ng5
[16...Kh8 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qh5 g5 21.Bxg5 Kg8 22.Bf6 Nc4 23.Qg5+ Kf8 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Bd4 Nd6 26.Qf6 Rf8 27.Qe5 Kf7 28.Ne3 Ke8

29.Nxd5 Kd8 30.Nf6 Qf7 31.Qg5 ½-½ (54) Janssen,H (2611)-Winkler,T (2663) 3rd ACP Blitz Prelim1 2004 (14.7) Kc8 32.Bxh7 Bd7 33.h4 Bc6 34.Kh2 Qe7 35.Bg6 Kb7 36.Nh7 Qxg5 37.Nxg5 Rf4 38.Kg3 Rf1 39.h5 Nf5+ 40.Bxf5 Rxf5 41.Ne6 Bd5 42.Nf4 c5 43.Be3 Bg8 44.Kh4 Re5 45.Bd2 Re4 46.g4 ½-½ (54) Huschenbeth,N (2611)-Grandelius,N (2663) Bundesliga 2122 2022 (14.7)]

[16...e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.b4 Qf7 19.Qe1 Bd7 20.a5 Rae8 21.Be3 Qf6 22.Qg3 Rf7 23.Nd2 Ref8 24.h3 Qd6 25.Ne2 Re8 26.Bb3 Re6 27.Bc5 Nf3+ 28.gxf3 Qxg3+ 29.Nxg3 c6 30.Ndxe4 Rxf3 31.Bd1 1-0 (46) Lenaerts,L (2301)-Geirnaert,S (2425) BEL-ch Bruges 2023 (4)]

17.Be3 Qd6 Dodges Bc5 **18.Bf2 b4 19.Qd2 Rab8 20.Re1** White is more active. **20...a5**

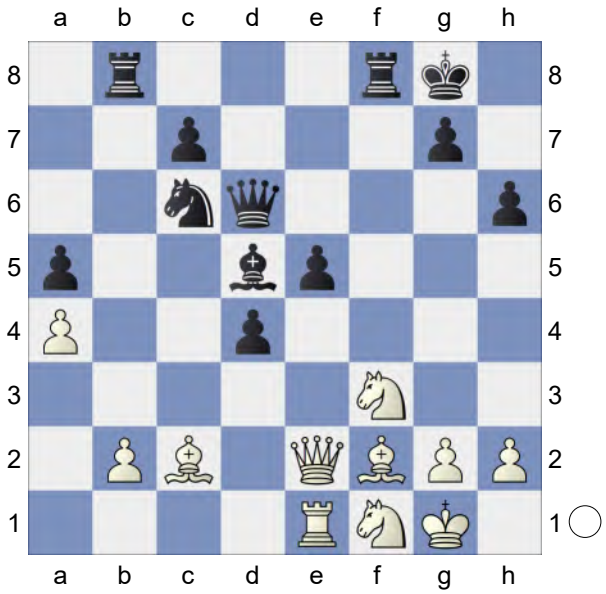


21.Qe3 0.20/20

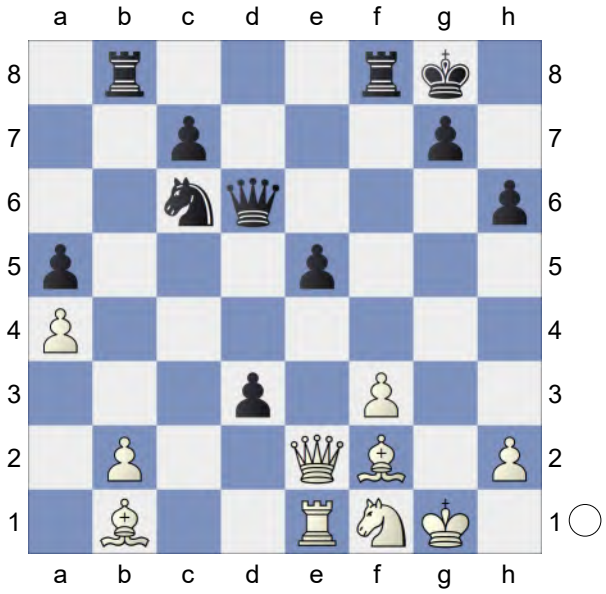
[21.Bg3± 0.58/20]

21...bxc3= 22.Qxc3 d4 23.Qd3 Bf5 24.Qc4+ Be6! 25.Qe2 Bd5!

[25...Rxb2 26.Bh7+ Kxh7 27.Qxb2±]

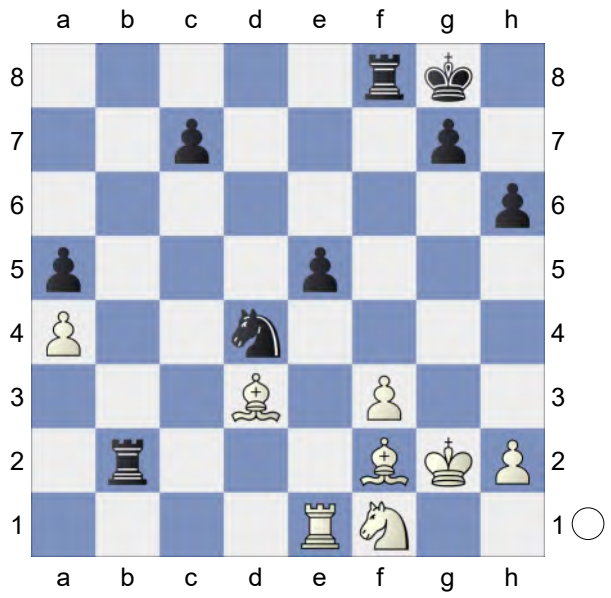


26.Bb1 Bxf3 27.gxf3 d3!

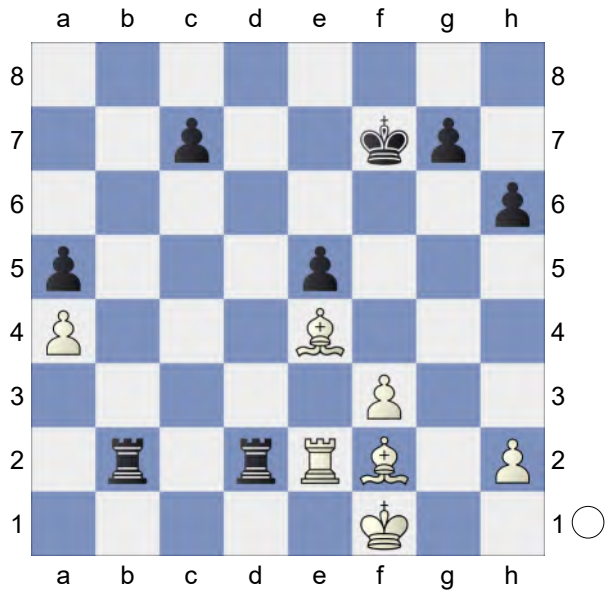


Deflection **28.Qxd3 Qxd3 29.Bxd3 Rxb2 30.Kg2 Nd4**

(Diagram)

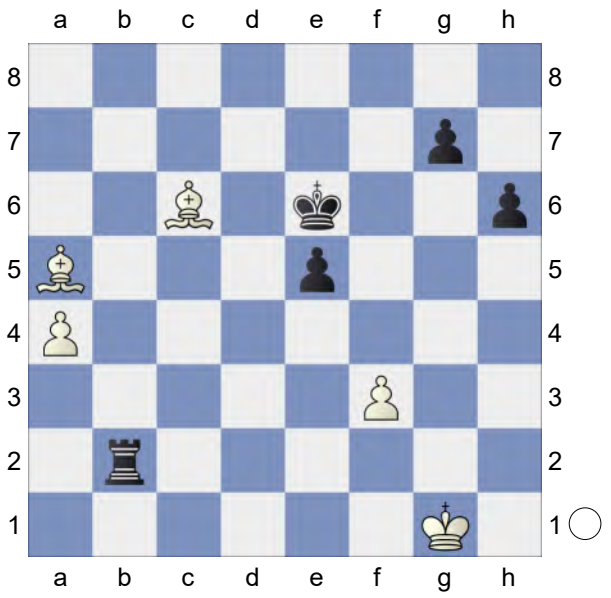


31.Be4 Nf5 32.Ne3 Nxe3+ 33.Rxe3 Rd8 Inhibits Bd5+. **34.Kf1 Kf7 35.Re2 Rdd2**

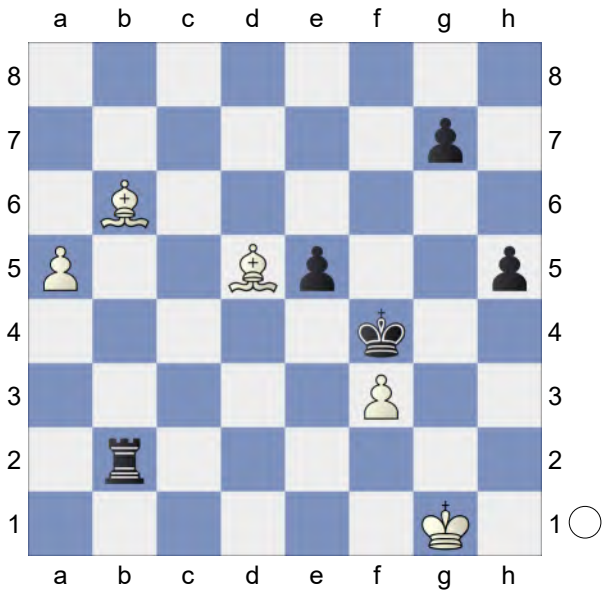


The position is equal. **36.Rxd2 Rxd2 37.Be1 Rxh2 38.Kg1 Rb2 39.Bxa5** This pair of bishops is nice. **39...c6 40.Bxc6 Ke6**

(Diagram)

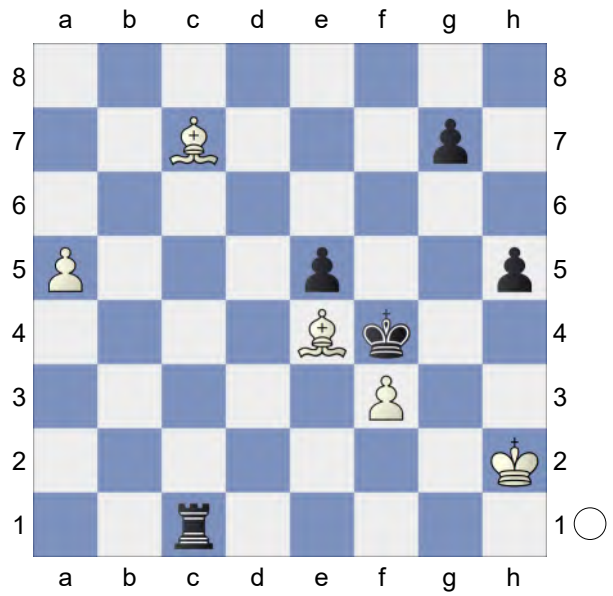


41.Be4 Ra2 42.Bc6 h5 43.Bb6 Kf5 44.a5 Kf4 ...h4 would now be deadly. **45.Bd5 Rb2**

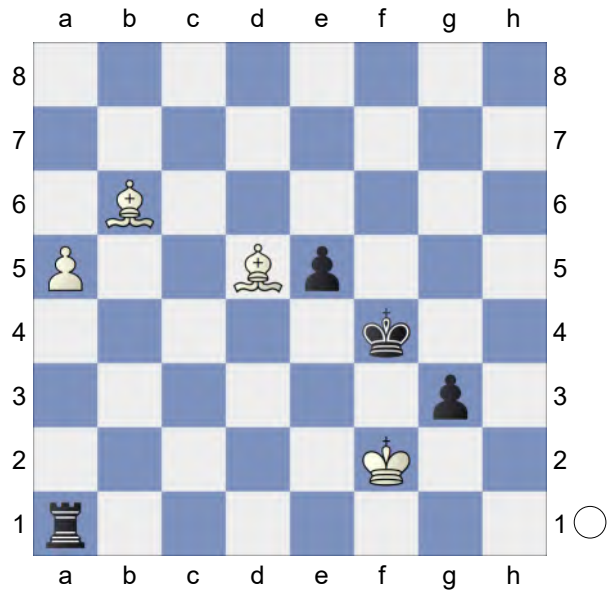


46.Bc7 Rb1+ 47.Kg2 Rb2+ 48.Kg1 Rd2 49.Be4 Rd1+ 50.Kh2 Rc1

(Diagram)

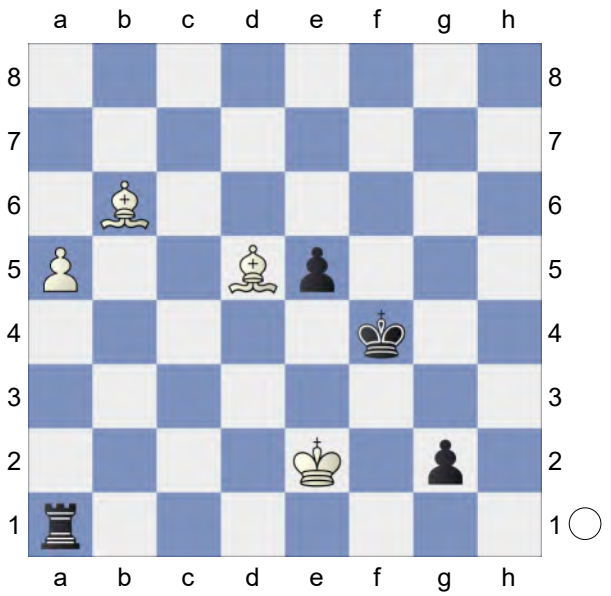


51.Bb6 Threatens to win with a6.
51...Ra1 52.Bd5 g5 53.Kg2 g4 54.fxg4 hxg4 55.Kf2 g3+

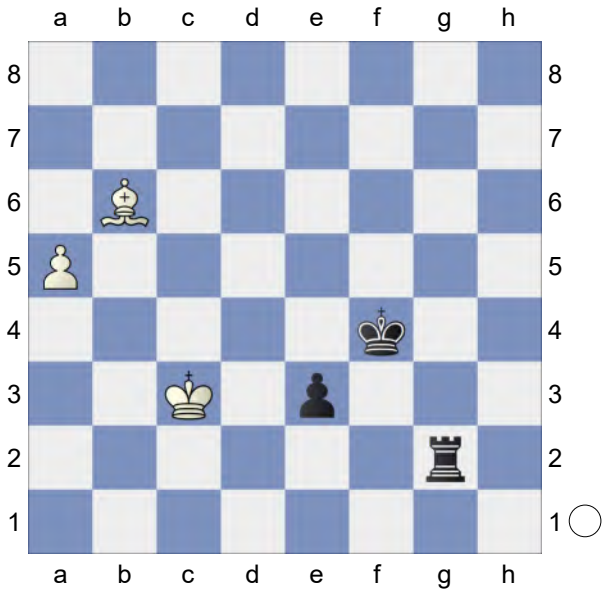


56.Ke2 g2

(Diagram)



Deflection **57.Bxg2**
[57.Be3+ Kg3 58.Bf2+ Kh2 59.Kd3]
57...Ra2+ 58.Kd3 Rxg2 Endgame KR-KB **59.Kc4 e4 60.Kc3 e3**
[60...Ke5 feels hotter. 61.a6 Ra2 62.a7 Kd5]



61.Bxe3+! Kg3
[61...Kxe3 62.Kc4]
[61...Kxe3!? 62.Kc4□ Ra2=]
62.Kd4 Kh4 63.Kc4 Kg3 64.Bc5 Rb2 65.Kd4 Rb3

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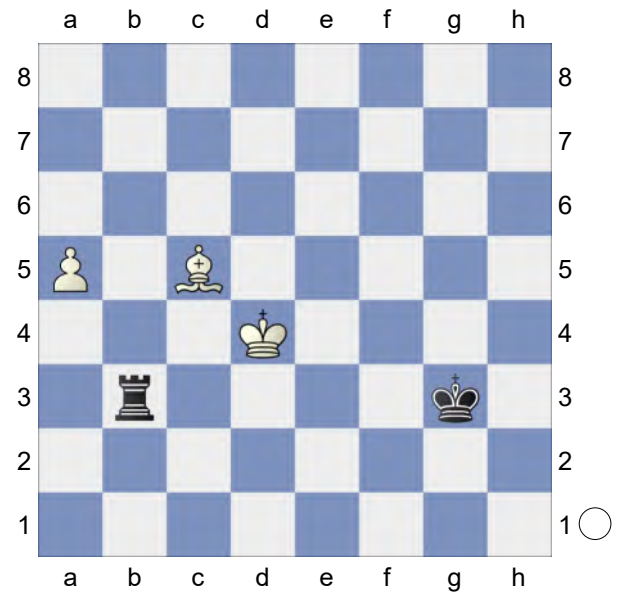
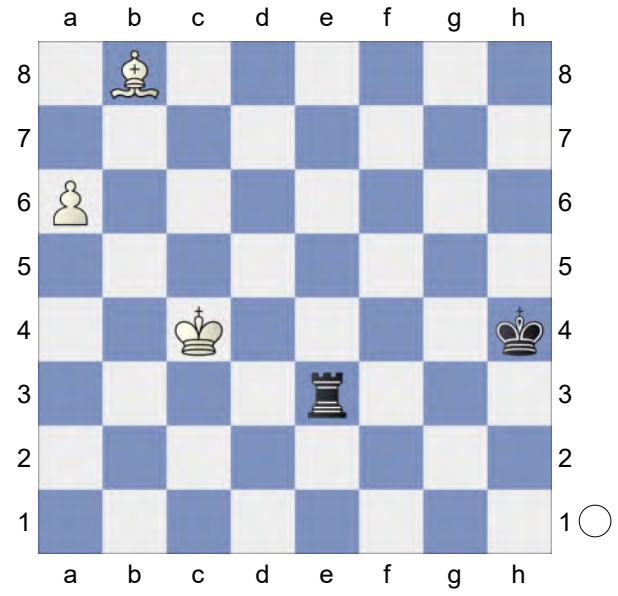


66.a6 Rb2 67.Kc4 Re2 68.Bd6+
[68.a7!? Ra2□ 69.Bg1= *(69.Bd6+ Kh4=)*]
68...Kh3 69.Be5 Re3
[69...Rxe5!? 70.Kb4□ Re8=]
70.Bb8 Kh4



71.Kd4 Re1 72.Bc7 Re2 73.Be5 Kh5 74.Kc5 Rxe5+ KR-KP **75.Kb6 Kh4**

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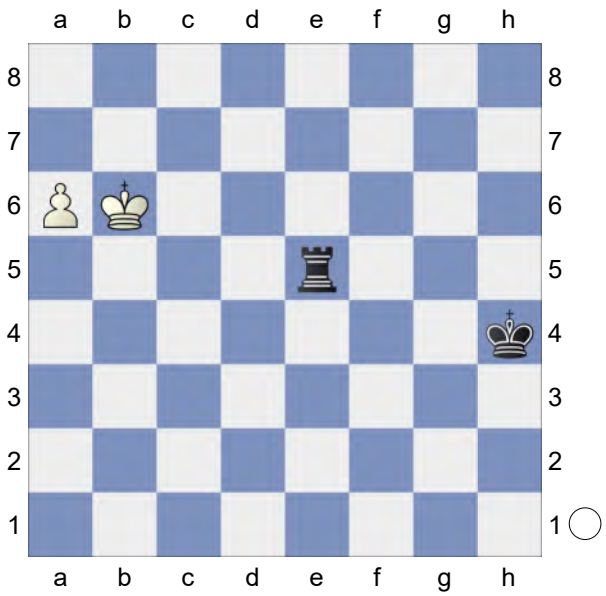
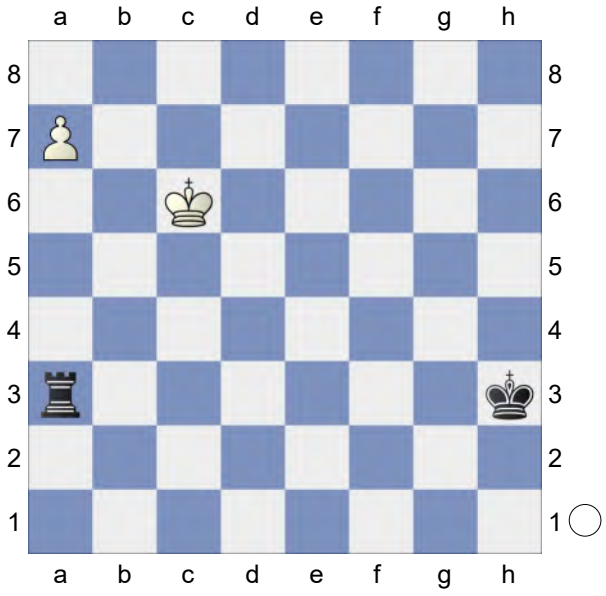
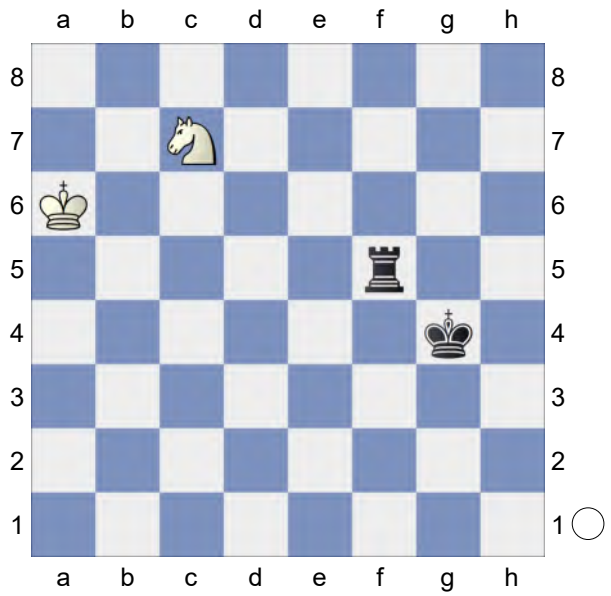


76.Ka7 Re8 77.Kb6 Re3 78.Kc5 Rb3 79.Kc6 Kh3 80.a7 Ra3

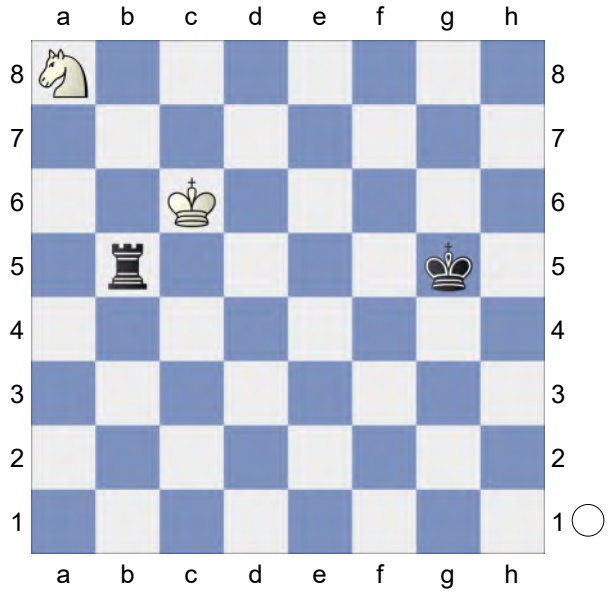


81.Kb7 Ra4 82.a8N KR-KN **82...Rg4 83.Nc7 Rg5 84.Kb6 Rf5 85.Ka6 Kg4**

(Diagram)



86.Kb6 Rd5 87.Na8 Kg3 88.Kc6 Rb5 89.Kd7 Kf4 90.Kc6 Kg5



91.Nc7 Kh6 92.Kd6 Rf5 93.Ke6 Kh7
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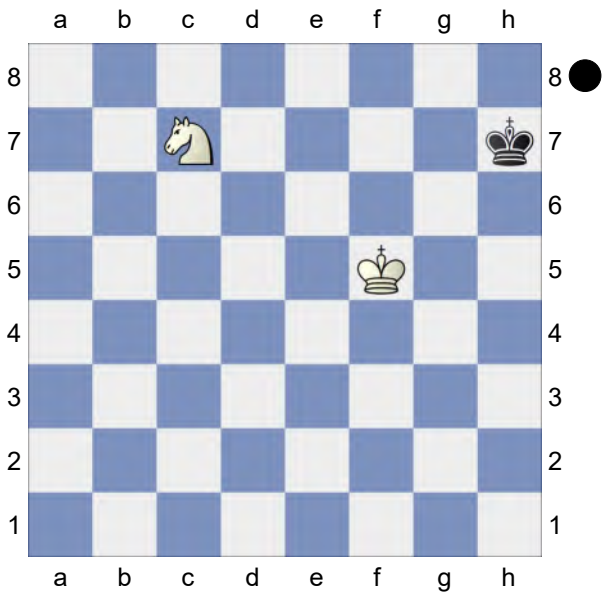
94.Kxf5

(Diagram)



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19 **C82**
□ **Vistagusta** **2732**
■ **Poirot Hercule** **2773**
Blitz 26.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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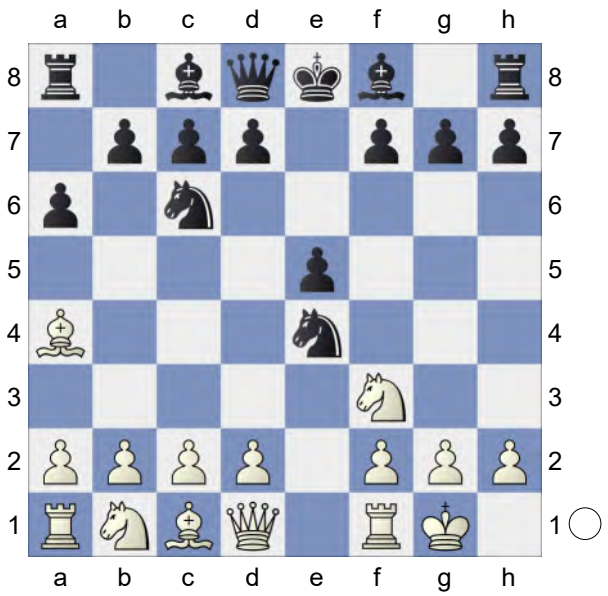
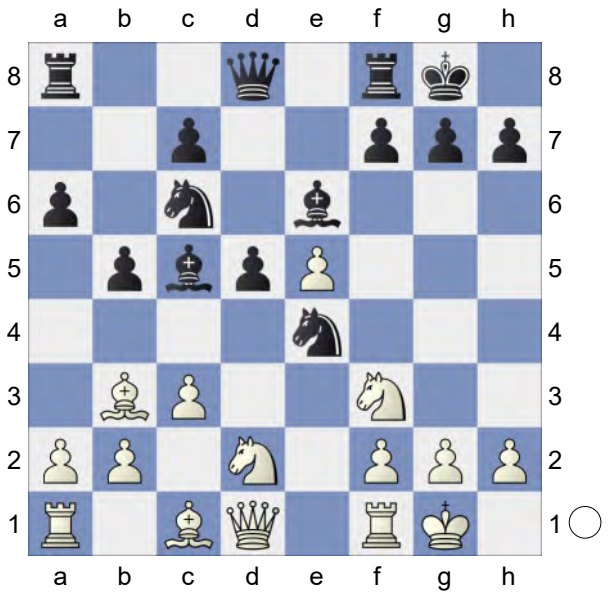


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Kg1 fxe5 15.Nf1 Qd6**

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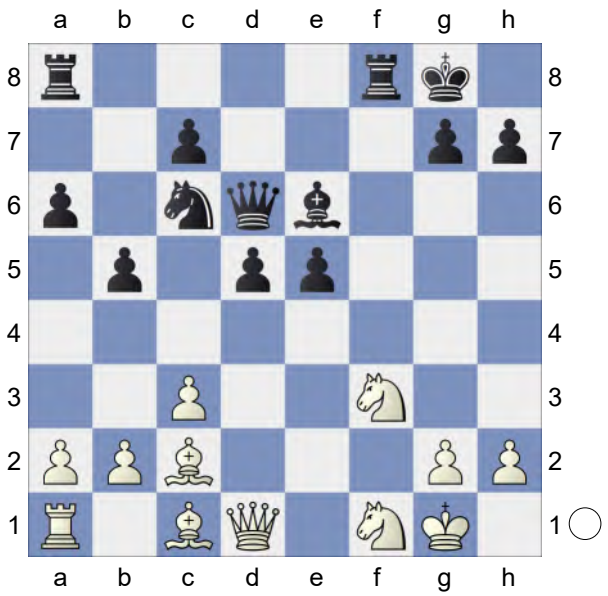


16.Be3 White has compensation. **16...Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bb3** A strong pair of Bishops.

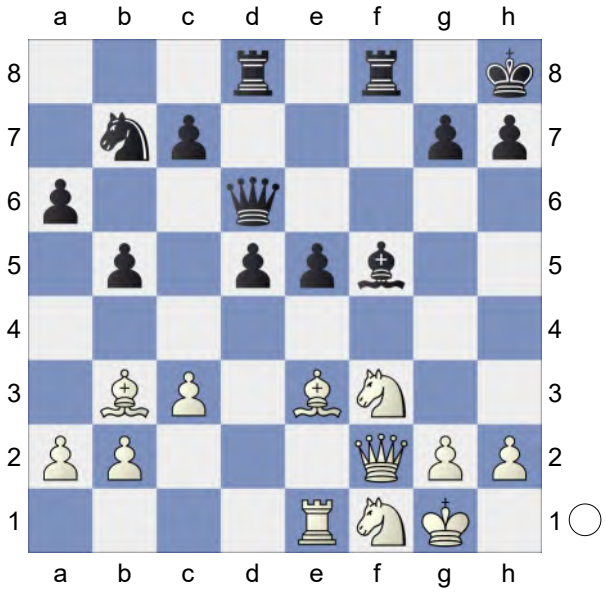
[18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 e4 21.Bg3 exf3 22.Bxd6 f2+ 23.Qxf2 Rxf2 24.Kxf2 Rxd6 25.Ne3 d4 26.cxd4 Nxd4 27.b4 Nc6 28.Rxd6 cxd6 29.Nd5 Kf7 30.Ke3 Ke6 31.Ke4 Ne7 32.Nf4+ Kf6 0-1 (48) Lemmers,O (2472)-Molina Souponitskaia,A (2356) 125/42 Biel 2015 (8)]

18...Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7 Prevents Bc5 **20.Re1 Kh8N**

[20...Rde8 21.Qd2 c6 22.Bd1 a5 23.b4 axb4 24.cxb4 Bg4 25.h3 Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Qg6 27.Qe2 Qf6 28.Bb6 g6 29.Qc2 h5 30.Bd1 Re6 31.Qc3 Nd6 32.Bb3 Kh7 33.Ng3 Qg5 34.Ne4 Nxe4 35.Rxe4 (39) Spagnoli,L-Bida,M URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]

[20...c5 21.Ng3 Bd3 22.Qd2 c4 23.Bd1 Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7 25.Nh1 e4 26.Nd4 Qg6 27.h4 Nc5 28.h5 Qd6 29.Bg4 h6 30.Qe3 Qf4 31.Qxf4 Rxf4 32.Ne6 Nxe6 33.Bxe6+ Kh7 34.Bxd5 R8f5 35.Bc6 1-0 (74) Nakamura,H (2760)-Caruana,F

(2783) Candidates Tournament 2022 (8) Rxh5 36.Bd4 Rhf5 37.Nf2 Rf7 38.b4 h5 39.a4 bxa4 40.Bxa4 h4 41.Be3 R4f5 42.Ra1 h3 43.Ra2 hxg2 44.Bd1 R7f6 45.Bg4 Rd5 46.Kxg2 Rg6 47.Kg3 Bf1 48.Bd4 Bd3 49.Kf4 Kg8 50.Bf5 0-1 (74) Mecking,H (2567)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2687) Corus-B Wijk aan Zee 2009 (11)]



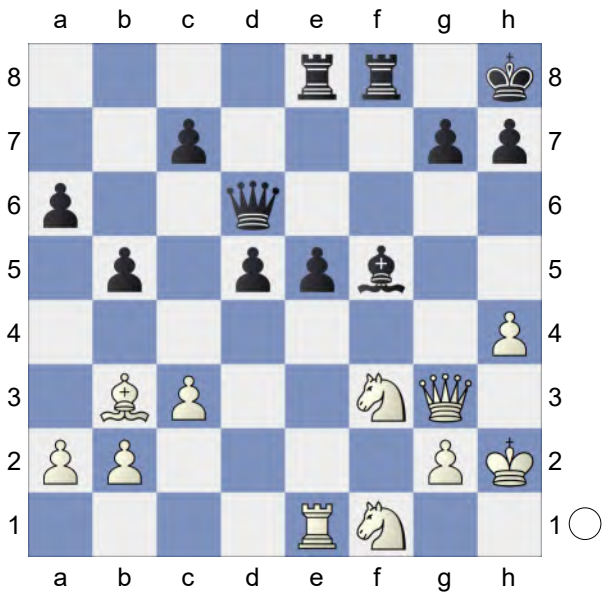
21.Qg3 Black is weak on the dark squares **21...Rde8 22.h4 Nc5 23.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 24.Kh2** 0.15/21

[24.Ne3± 0.66/21]

24...Qd6 1.07/21

[24...e4= 0.15/21 keeps the balance. 25.Nd4 Bc8]

(Diagram)

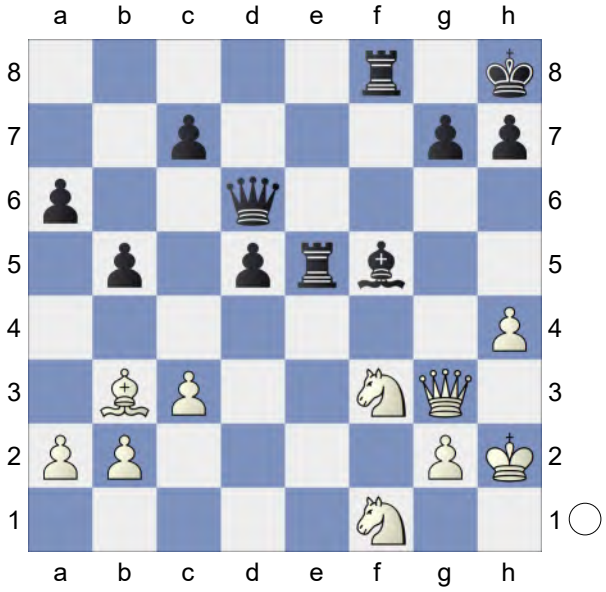


25.Rxe5 0.44/21 White is more active.

[Reject 25.Nxe5?! Be4 26.Nf3 Bxf3 27.Qxd6 cxd6=]

[25.Ne3!± 1.07/21]

25...Rxe5



26.Nxe5 Be4 27.Ne3 0.36/21

[27.Nd2± 0.76/22 Nxe4 is the strong threat. Bf5 28.Nef3]

27...c6? 8.36/21

[27...Qe6± 0.36/21]

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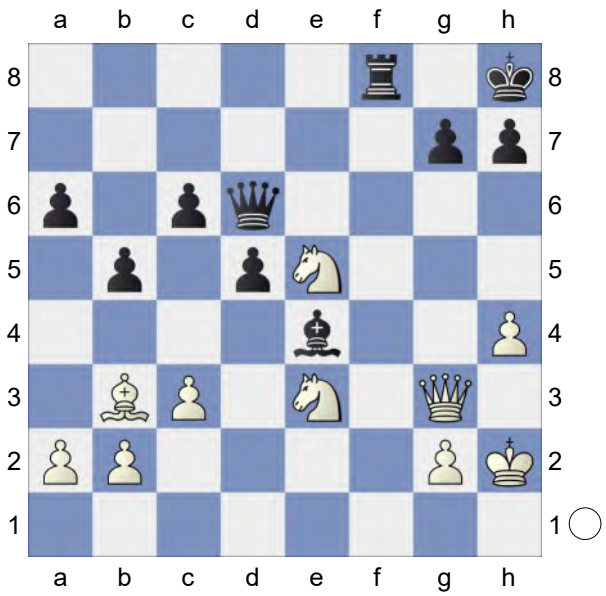

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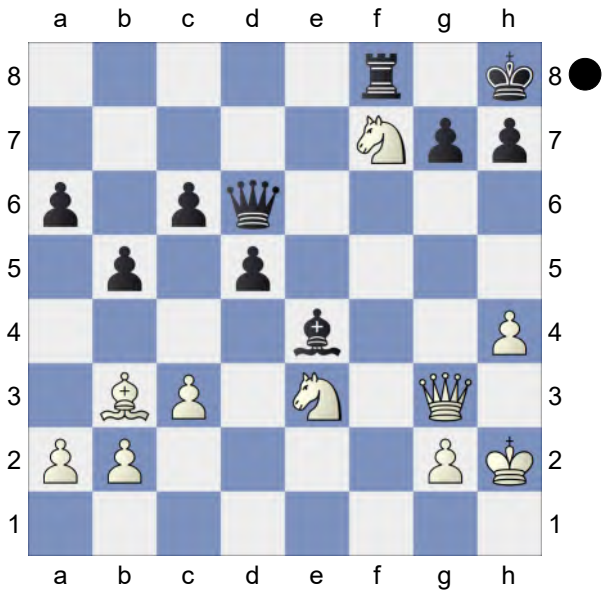
28.Nf7+!



Discovered Attack

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20 **C82**

□ **Shishka V Shapke** **2651**

■ **Clop01** **2676**

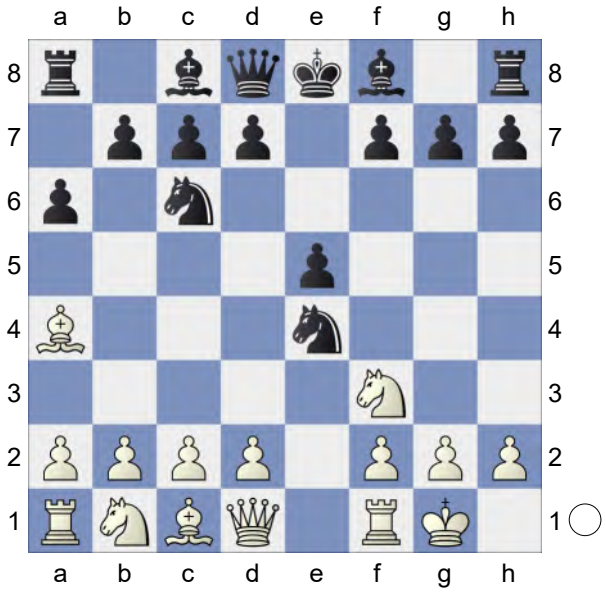
Rapid 08.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

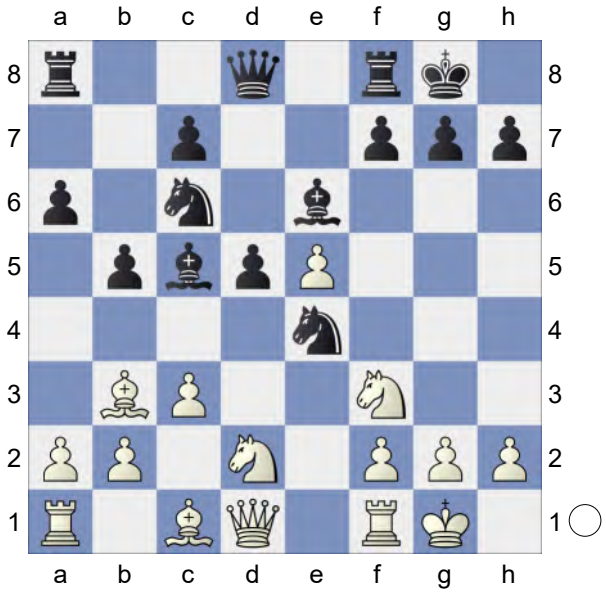
Blitz 10min

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

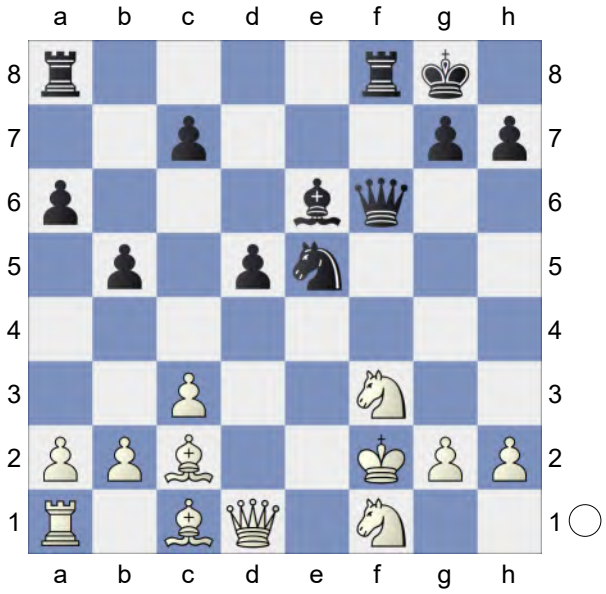
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

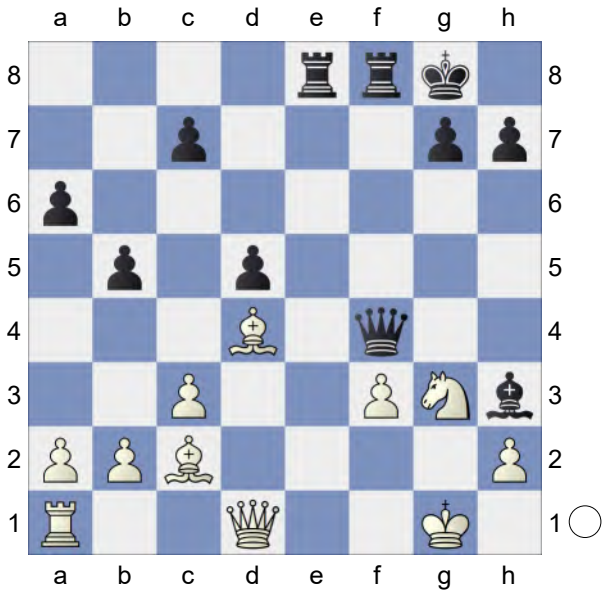


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

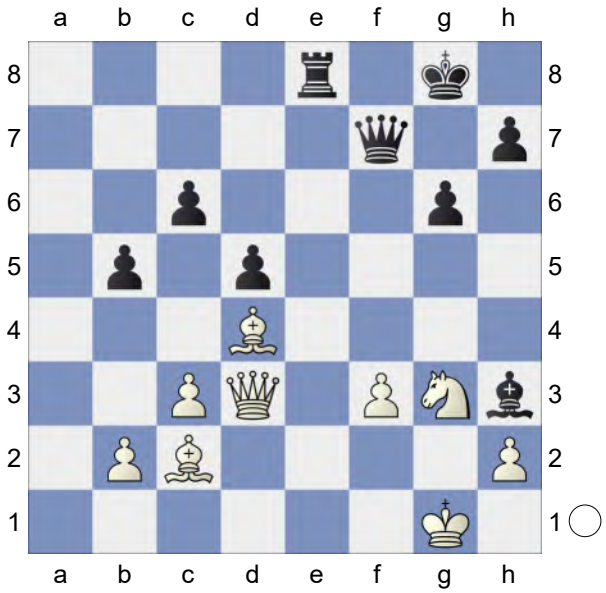


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bd4 -0.07/21
A strong pair of Bishops.
[17.Bc5!± 0.42/21 Rf7 18.N1d2]
17...Qh4+= 18.Kg1! Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Bh3! The position is equal.
[19...Qg5+ 20.Ng3 Bh3 21.a4 g6 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bf2 h5 ;-; 7. ♘f4 ♗d6 8. ♘gh5 (2505)-Prystenski,A (2535) 61/379 Monaco 1994 (7)]
[19...Qh5 20.Ng3 Qxf3 21.Qxf3 Rxf3 22.Kg2 Rf4 23.a4 b4 24.a5 Bg4 14.g4 hg4 15.♗f6 ♗f6-Van Wely,L (ol) 121/114 2014]
20.Ng3N Qf4!

(Diagram)

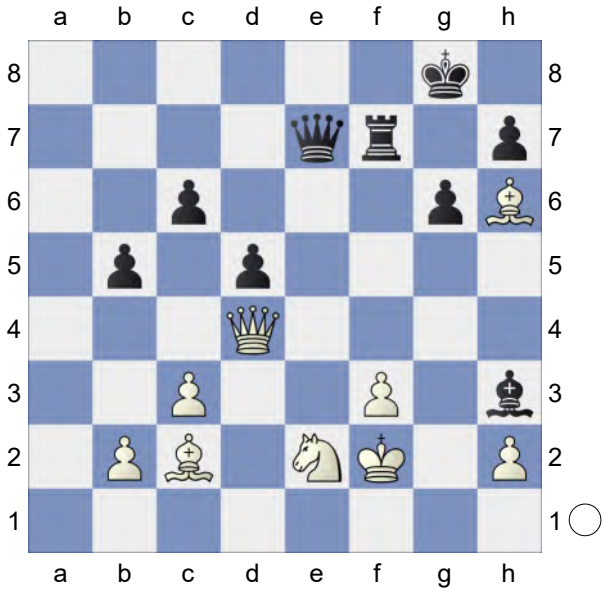


21.Qd3 g6! 22.a4 c6 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ra7 Dancing on a razor blade.
24...Rf7 25.Rxf7 -0.24/21
[⌓25.Kf2 0.15/23]
25...Qxf7 1.05/19
[25...Qc1+= -0.24/21 remains equal. 26.Bd1 Kxf7]



Black is now going downhill. **26.Kf2!± Qe7** 1.86/23
[26...Qf4± 1.15/21]
27.Be3 1.05/20
[27.Qd2+- 1.86/23]

27...Rf8 1.65/18
[27...Qh4± 1.05/20 was necessary. 28.Qd4 Qe7]
28.Bh6 1.15/20
[28.Qd2+- 1.65/18]
28...Rf7 1.57/21
[⌓28...Qa7+ 1.15/20 29.Qe3 Ra8]
29.Qd4 Qa7 30.Ne2 Qe7 2.01/19
[30...Qxd4+± 1.55/17 31.Nxd4 Bd7]



31.b4 Qd6 32.Bf4 Qe7 33.Bh6 Qd6 3.06/23
[⌓33...Qd8 2.02/20 34.Bd1 Bd7]
34.Ng3 Re7 35.Bg5 Re8

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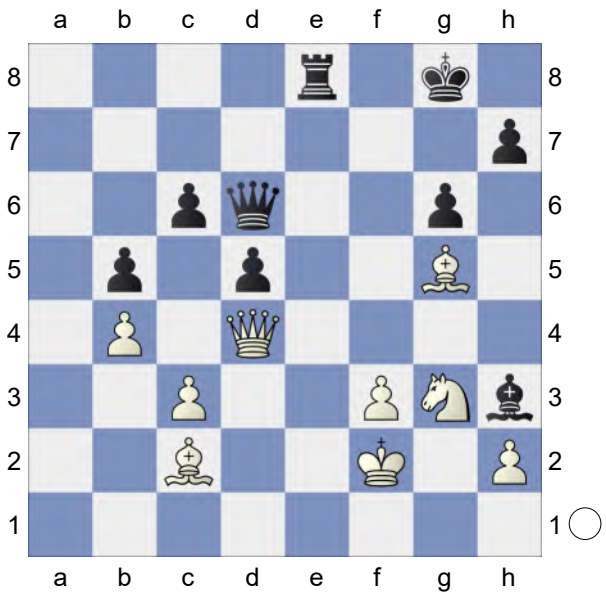
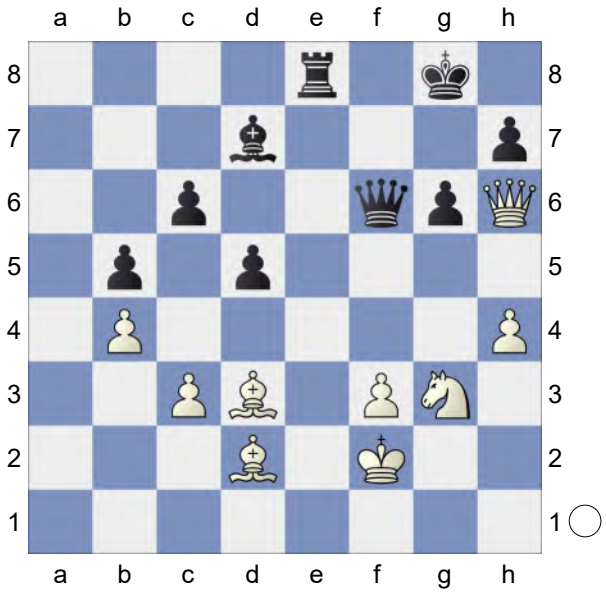


36.Qh4 Qe5 37.Bd2 Repels Qe1+
37...Bd7 38.Qh6 Qe6 39.Bd3
Black is weak on the dark squares
39...Qe7 1.89/22
[39...Qh3± 1.51/20 40.Qxh3 Bxh3]
40.h4+- Active counter play! **40...Qf6**



41.h5 Rf8

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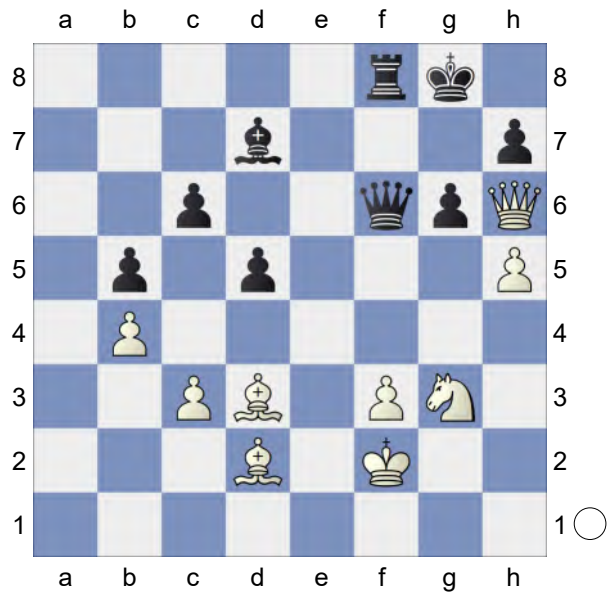
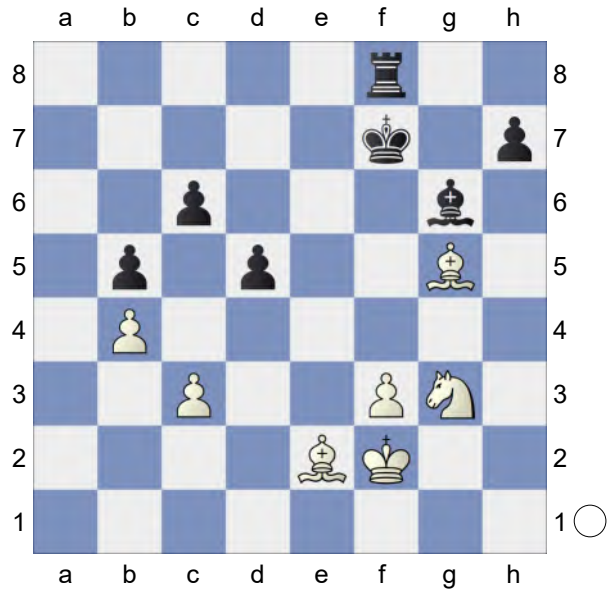
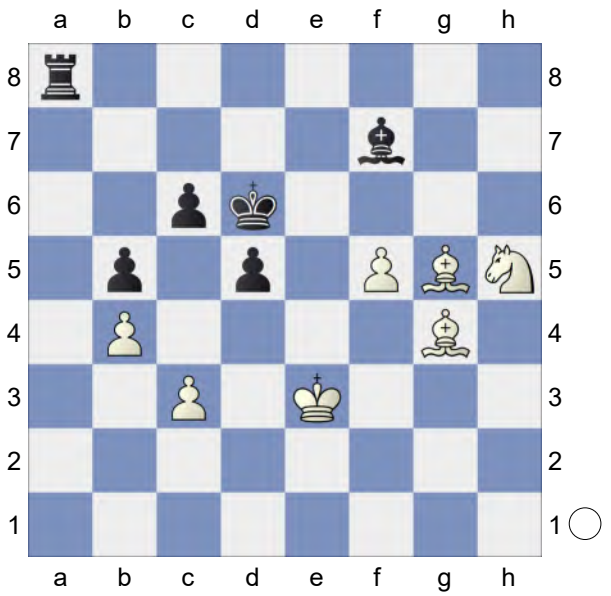


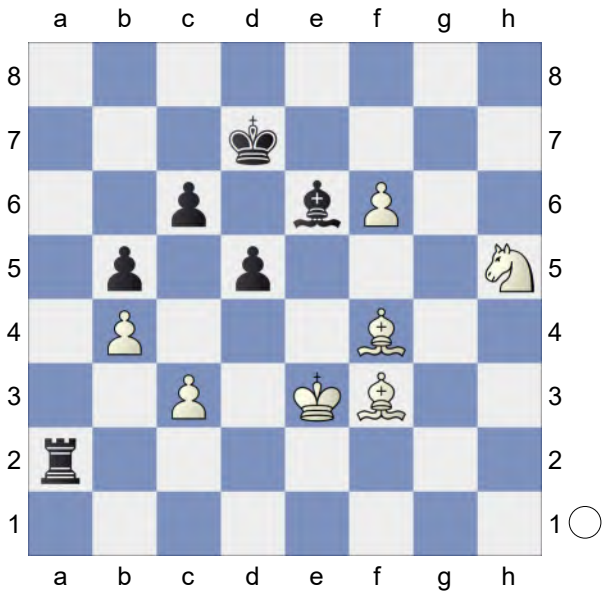
42.Be2→ White wants a kill.
[42.hxg6? perishes. Qxf3+ 43.Ke1 Qxg3+-+]
42...Be8 43.hxg6 Bxg6 2.30/20
[⌓43...hxg6 1.91/19 44.Kg2 Rf7]
44.Qg5 Qxg5 45.Bxg5 Kf7



46.Ke3 h5 2.37/20
[⌓46...Ra8 1.90/19 47.f4 Ra2]
47.f4 Black must now prevent f5!.
47...Ke6 4.15/19
[47...Rh8 1.95/18]
48.Nxh5 Ra8 49.Bg4+ Kd6 50.f5 Bf7
(Diagram)



51.Bf4+ Kd7 52.f6+ Be6 53.Bf3 Ra2 54.Kd4 Rf2 55.Ke3 Ra2



56.Ng7 Bf7 57.Bg4+ Kd8 58.Kd4 Rg2 59.Bf5 Rf2 60.Bd6 Rf3

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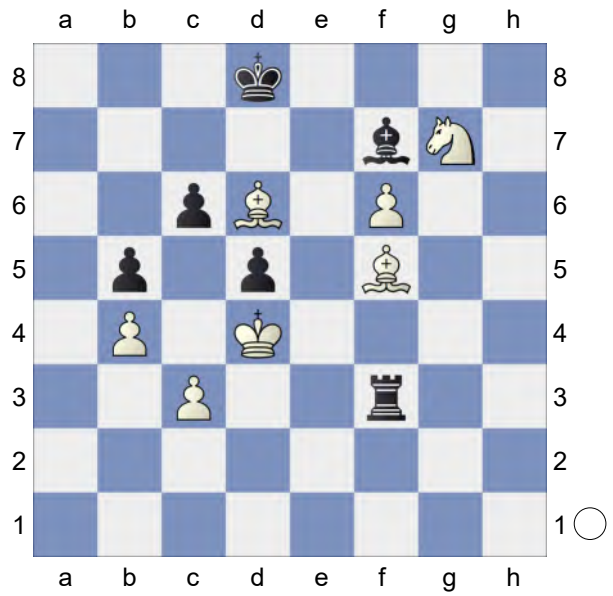
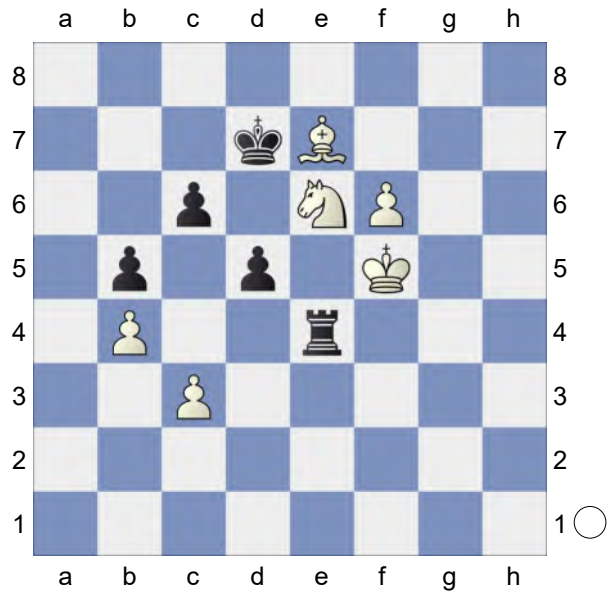


61.Be7+ Kc7 62.Be6 Rf4+ 63.Ke5 Re4+ 64.Kf5 Bxe6+ 65.Nxe6+ Kd7



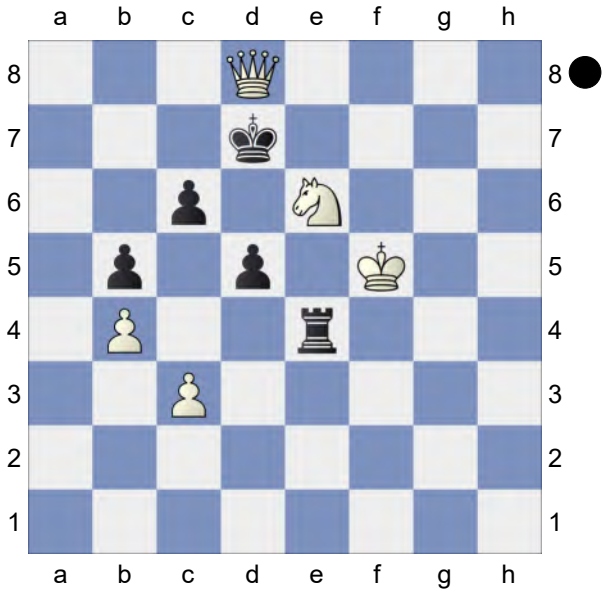
66.f7 16.23/21

[⌓66.Nc5+ #9/20 Kc7 67.Nxe4 dxe4 68.f7 e3 69.f8Q *(69.f8R e2+-)* 69...c5 70.Qd8+ *(70.Bxc5 e2 71.Qd6+ Kc8 72.Bb6 Kb7 73.Qc7+ Ka8 74.Qc8#)* 70...Kb7 71.Qd7+ *(71.Bxc5 e2 72.Bb6 Ka6 73.Qc7 e1Q 74.Qa7#)* 71...Kb8 72.Bd6+ *(72.Bxc5 e2 73.Bd6+ Ka8 74.Qc8+ Ka7 75.Bc5#)* 72...Ka8 73.Qc8+ Ka7 74.Bxc5#]

66...Kxe7 67.f8Q+ Kd7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.40

68.Qd8#



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21	**C82**
☐ **Bacrot,Etienne**	**2677**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel**	**2683**
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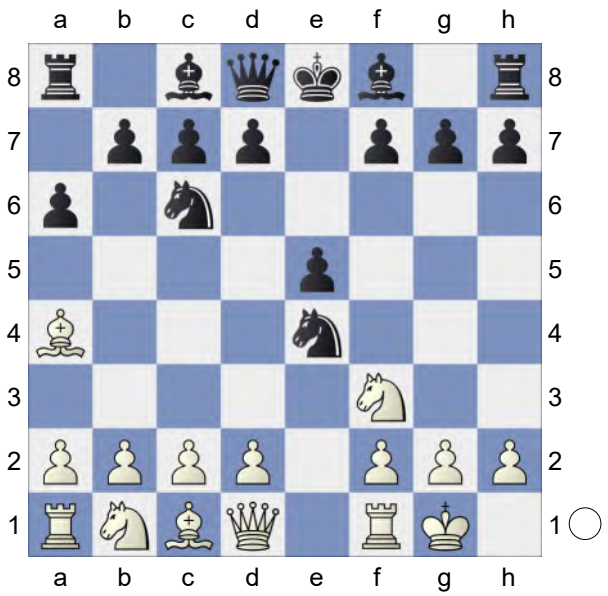
[Kitty Kat]	

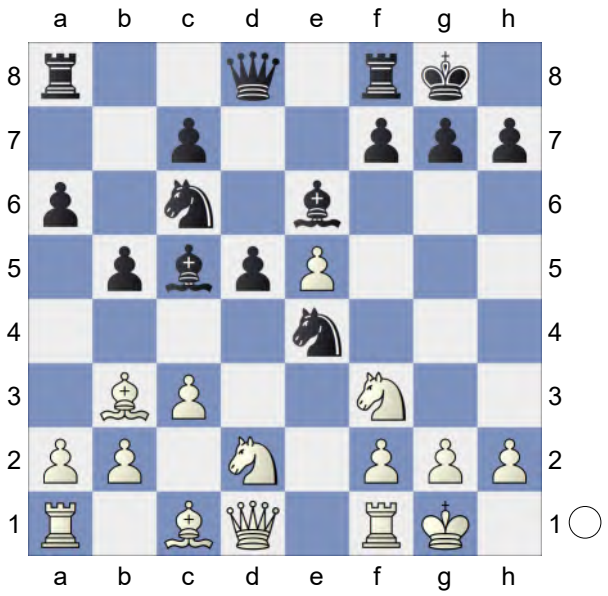
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

(Diagram)

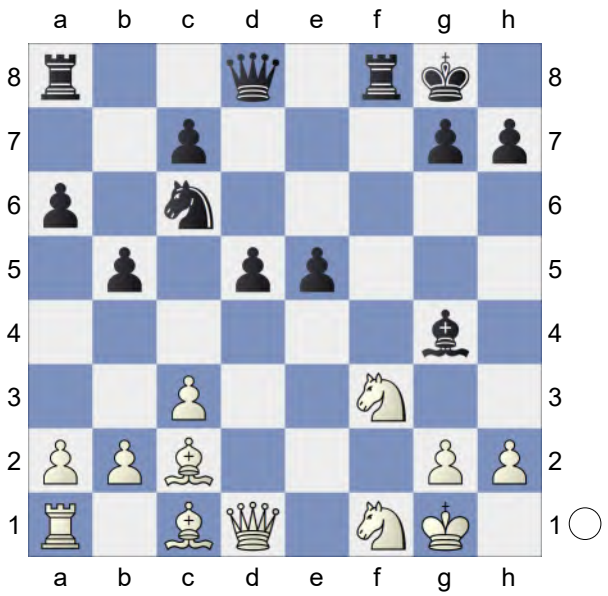


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Kg1 fxe5 15.Nf1 Bg4**

(Diagram)



16.Bb3N -0.39/24

[White should try 16.Ne3± 0.36/19

Be6

A) 17.b3 a5 *(17...d4 18.Qd3 g6 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Bb2 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Rxf3 22.Qe2 Qg5+ 23.Ng2 Raf8 24.h4 Qg3 25.Bxe5 Qg4 26.Re1 Bd5 27.Bd1 Qf5 28.Bd4 Rg3 29.Bc2 Qd7* 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Nakamura,H (2787) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2023 (4.28)*)* 18.Bb2 Qe7 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Rf7 22.Bd1 Raf8 23.Be2 Rf2 24.Nd1 e3 25.Nxe3 Bg4 26.Bxg4 Rxb2 27.Nxd5 Qg5 28.Bf3 Kh8 29.Qxa5 Rc2 30.Qe1 c5 31.h4 Qd8 1-0 (41) Kuybokarov,T (2584)-Matlakov,M (2674) E Grand Swiss 2023 (1.37);

B) 17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6 26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 Qg6 31.Qxg6+ Kxg6 1-0 (58) Vachier Lagrave,M (2722)-Deac,B (2668) Superbet

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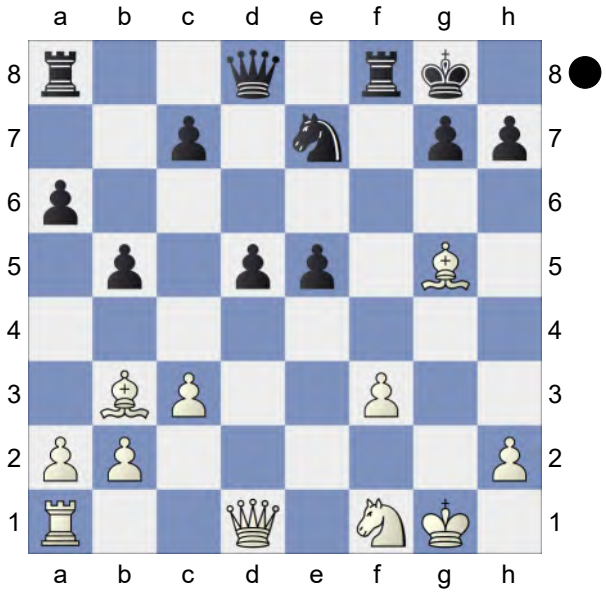
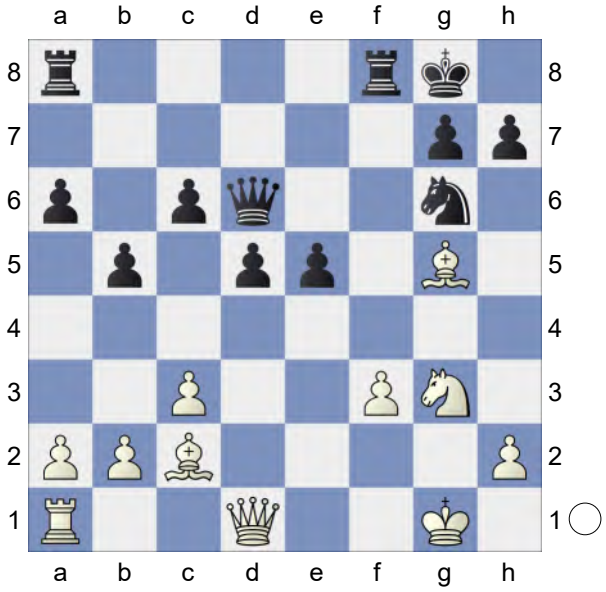
C) 17.Bb3]

16...Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ne7 18.Bg5



Hoping for Bxe7. **18...c6! 19.Bc2 Qd6 20.Ng3** -0.67/18
[20.Kh1= -0.21/18 was preferable.]
20...Ng6



21.Qd3 Rf7 22.Rf1 Raf8 and ...e4! should not be overlooked **23.h4** -2.40/21
[23.Kg2∓ -0.98/19]

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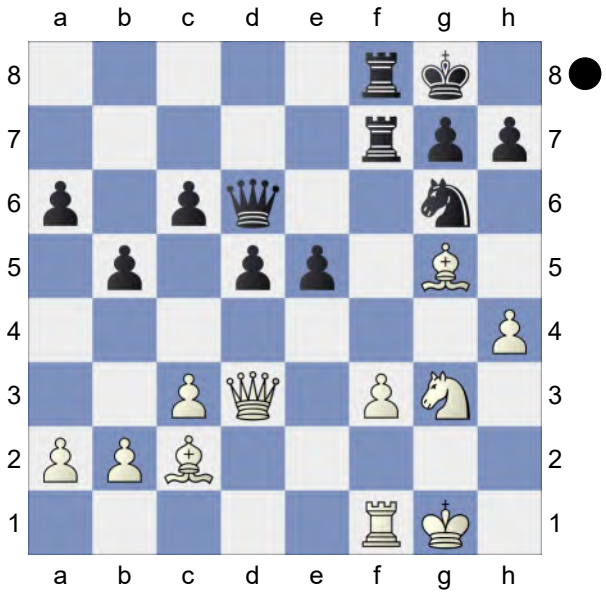
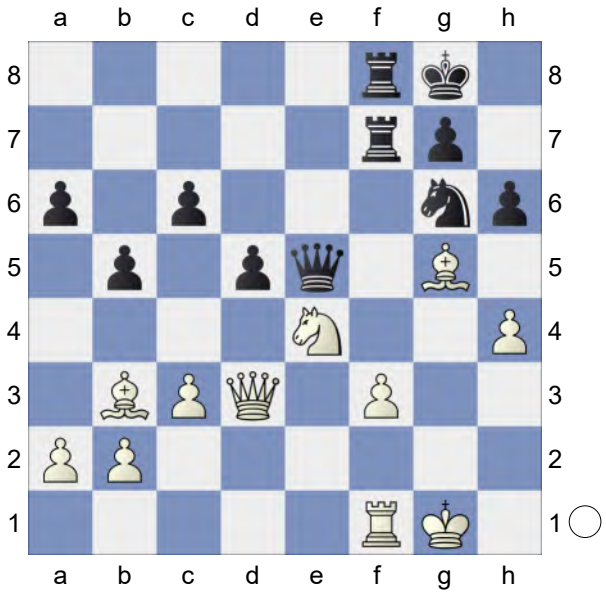
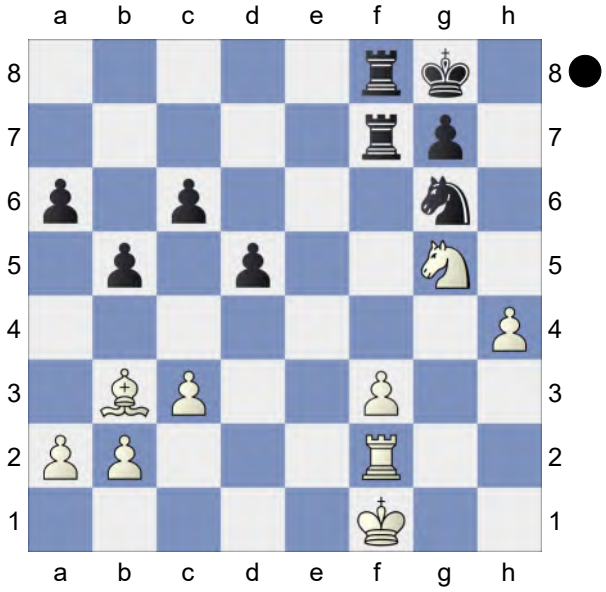


23...e4! Discovered Attack **24.Nxe4**
[24.fxe4 Ne5]
24...Qe5 25.Bb3? -3.60/18
[25.Nd2 -1.96/19 Qg3+ 26.Kh1]
25...h6-+
[25...dxe4 26.fxe4 Qc7 *(26...Qc5+ 27.Qd4±)* 27.Bxf7+ Rxf7 28.Rxf7 Qxf7 29.Qd8+ Qf8 30.Qxf8+ Kxf8 31.h5∓]



26.Rf2 -5.06/18
[26.Bc1 -3.47/19 was necessary.]
26...hxg5 27.Nxg5 Qe1+

[Worse is 27...Nxh4 28.Qh7#]
28.Qf1 Qxf1+ White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
29.Kxf1



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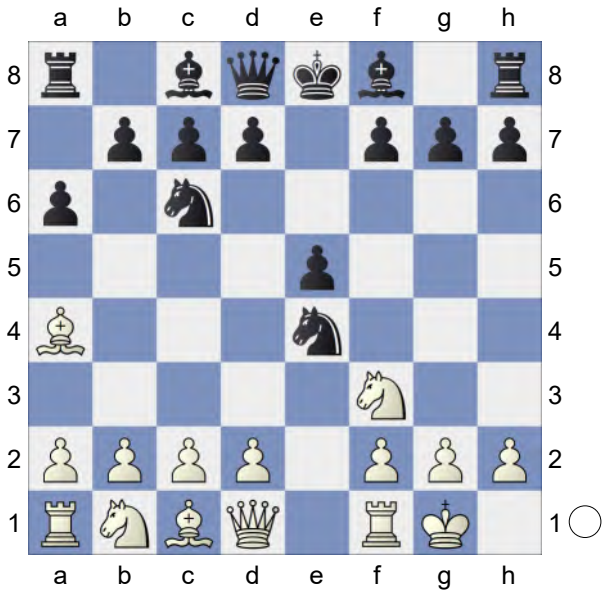
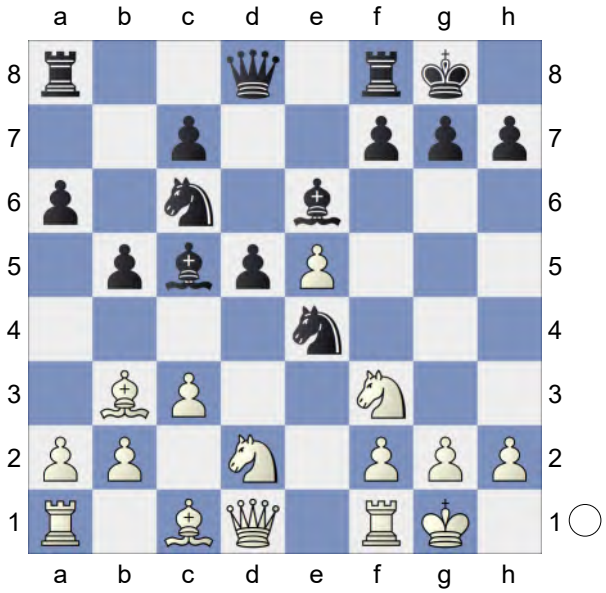
22 **C82**
□ **Stockfish16** **2827**
■ **Intron014** **2894**
Blitz 09.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

(Diagram)

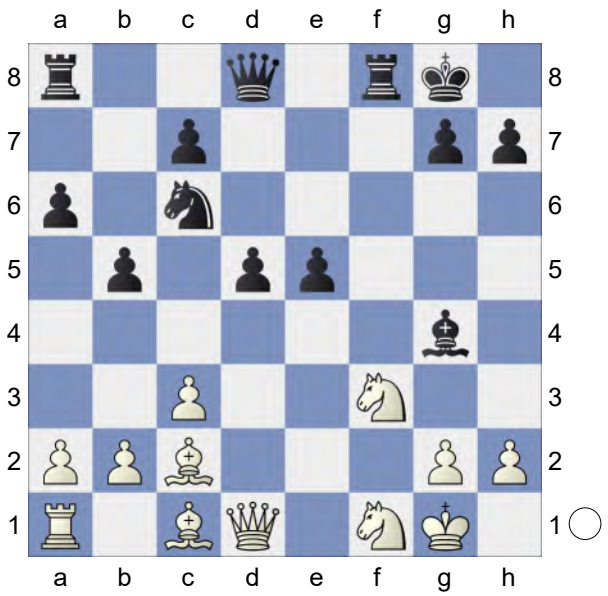


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.Nf1 -0.01/20
[13.exf6± 0.50/20 Qxf6 14.Qf1]
13...Bxf2+= 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 Bg4

(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...e4. **16.Ne3** White has compensation. **16...Be6** **17.b3 a5**

[17...Kh8 18.Ba3 Rf4 19.Bc5 d4 20.cxd4 exd4 21.Qd3 Bg8 22.Nf5 Qd5 23.Ba3 Re8 24.Rd1 Rfe4 25.Ng3 Re3 26.Qd2 R3e6 27.Bb2 Rd8 28.Nxd4 Qc5 29.Ne4 Qe7 30.Qe3 Nxd4 31.Rxd4 Rxd4 32.Qxd4 Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) Wijk aan Zee NED 2015 [Glenn Flear] ½-½ (51)]

18.Bb2N

[18.c4 bxc4 19.bxc4 dxc4 20.Qxd8 Raxd8 21.Ng5 Nd4 22.Bxh7+ Kh8 23.Ba3 Rf4 24.Bc5 Rb8 25.Bxd4 exd4 26.Nxe6 Rf6 27.Nxc4 Kxh7 28.Ng5+ Kg8 29.Nf3 c5 30.Rc1 a4 31.h4 Chapter-Open Spanish 9.c3 Bc5 [GM Ivan Cheparinov] (31)]

18...Rb8 19.Qe1 e4! 20.Nd4 Nxd4

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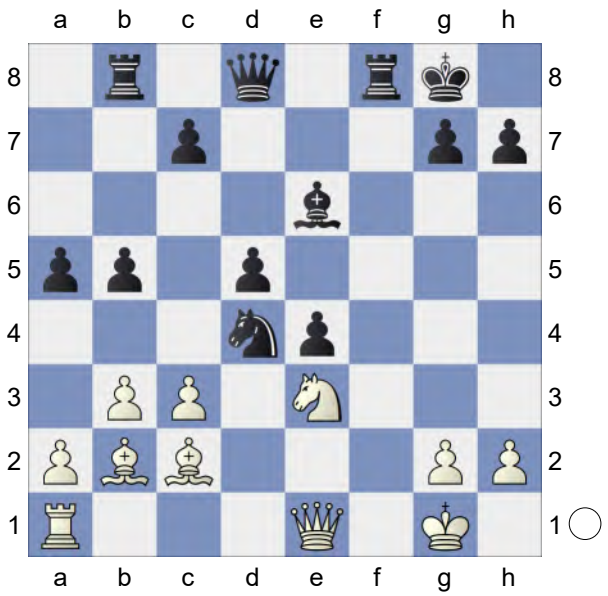
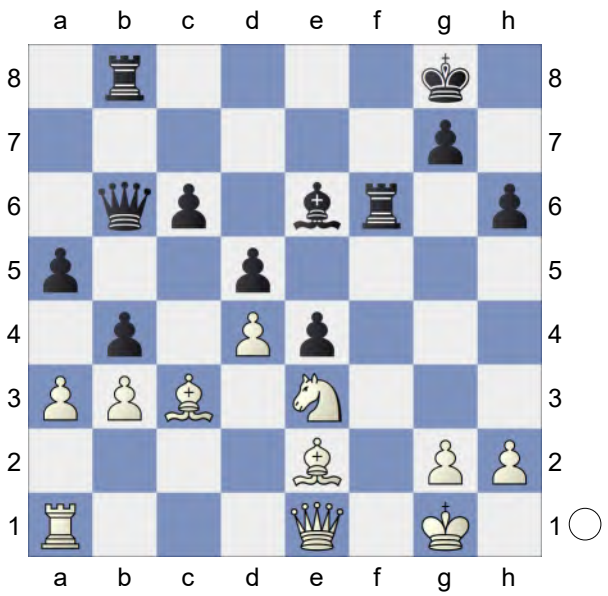


21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 0.59/23

[25...Rg6= 0.25/18]



26.axb4± axb4

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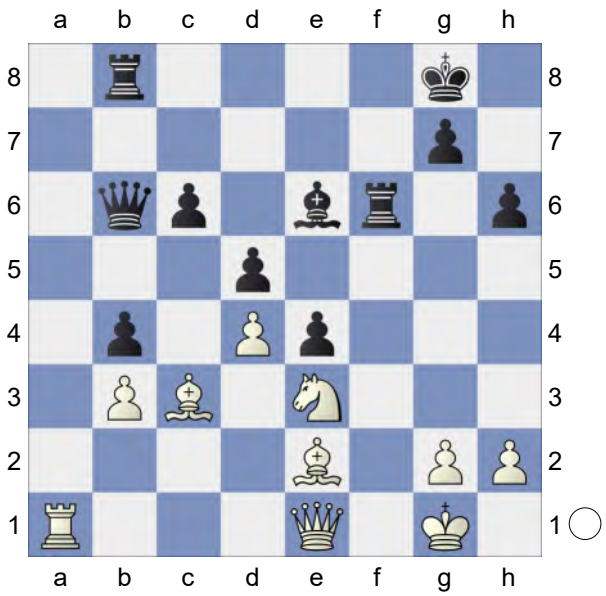
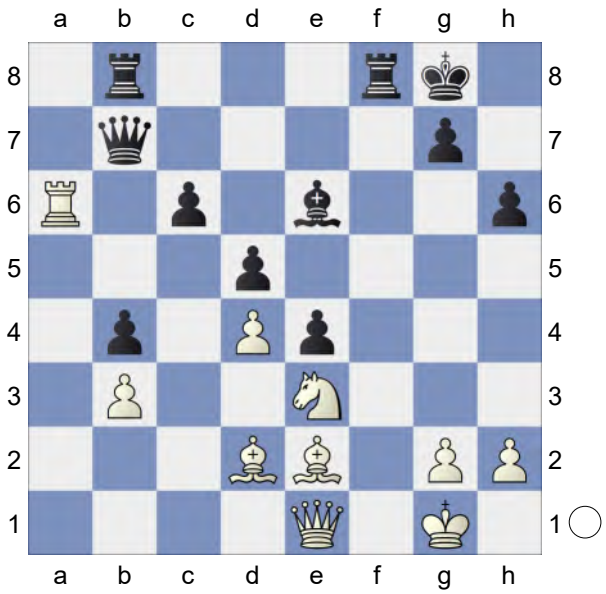


27.Ra6! Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 1.08/21
[28...Bd7± 0.61/20 might be stronger.]



29.h3 0.53/20
[29.Ra4!± 1.08/21]
29...Ra8

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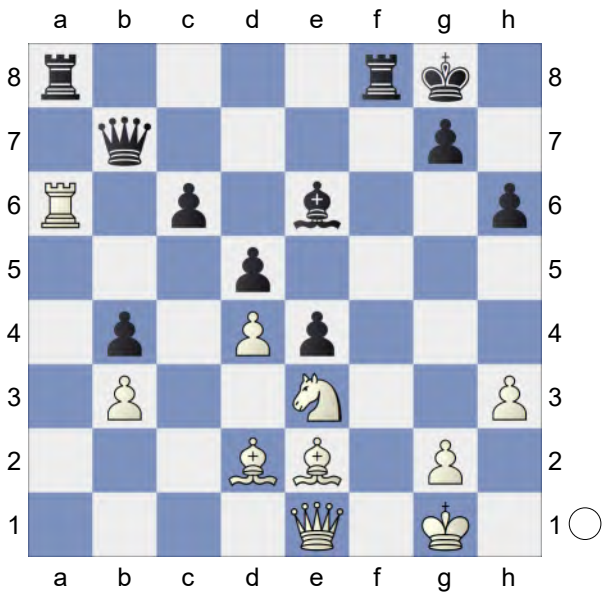
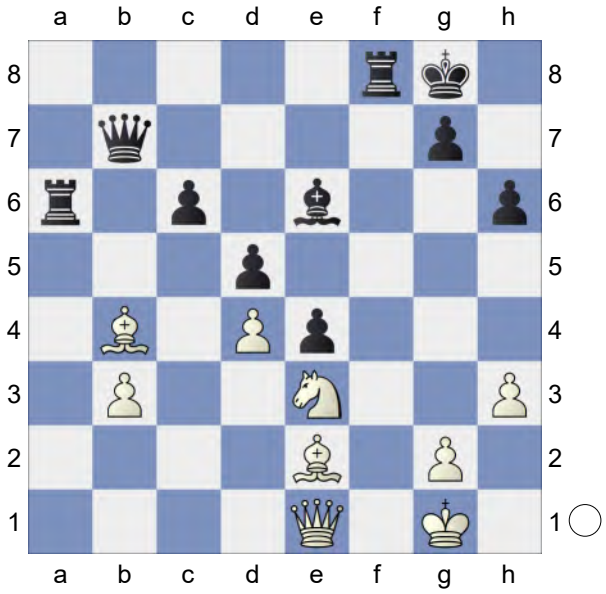
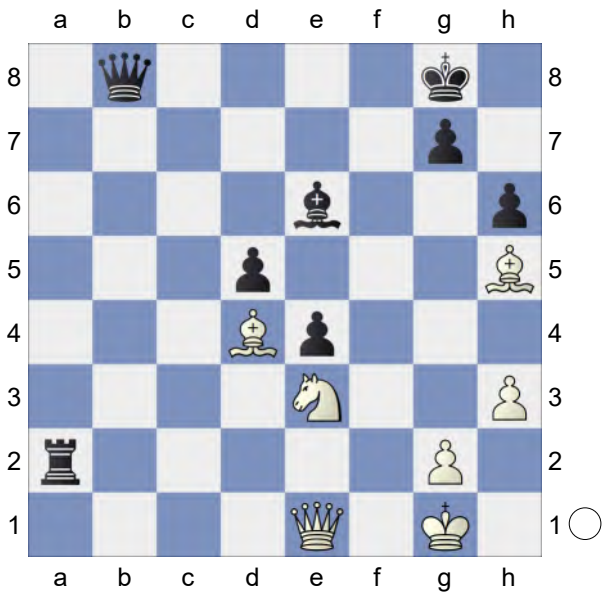


30.Bxb4! Rxa6



31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 Qxb3 33.Bh5 c5! 34.Be5 Qg3 is the strong threat.
34...cxd4
[34...Qb2? 35.Qg3 g5 36.dxc5+- *(36.Nd1 Qa3±)*]
35.Bxd4 Qb8

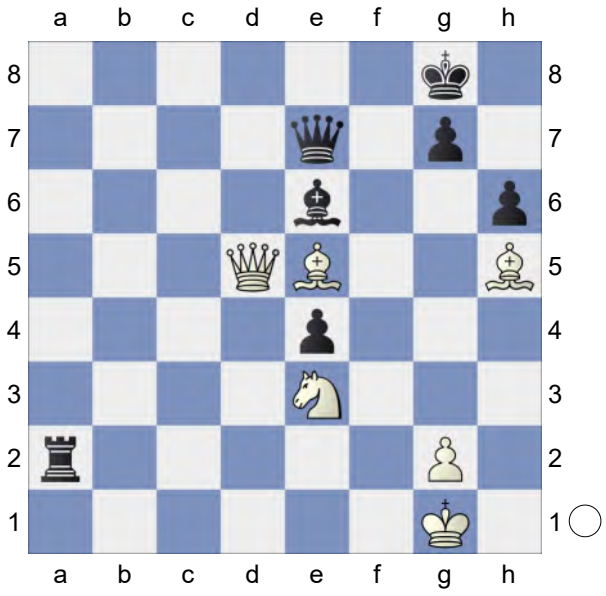
(Diagram)



36.Qc1 aiming for Qc6. **36...Qd6** Inhibits Qc6. **37.Qc3 Bxh3** (→ ...Qg3) **38.Be5** Prevents Qg3. **38...Qf8 39.Qc6** Really sharp!

[Much weaker is 39.gxh3 Qf2+ 40.Kh1 Kh7=]

39...Qe7 40.Qxd5+ Be6



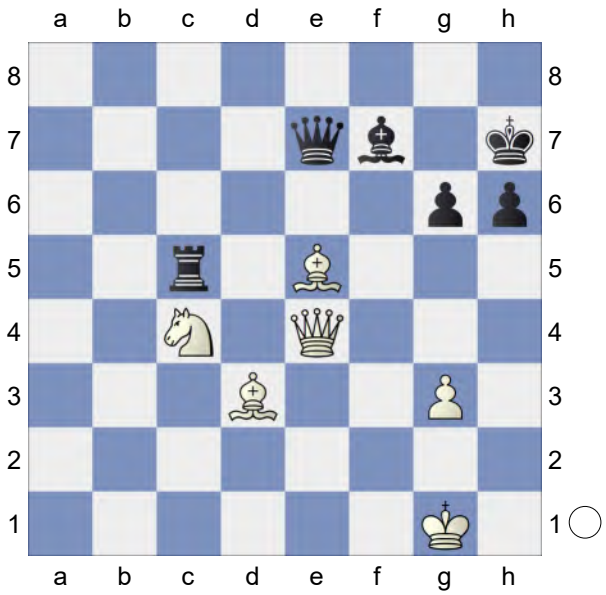
41.Qxe4

[Don't play 41.Qc6 Bf7 42.Qc8+ Kh7 43.Bxg7 *(43.Qf5+ Kg8=)* 43...Qe8 44.Qxe8 Bxe8 45.Bxe8 Kxg7=]

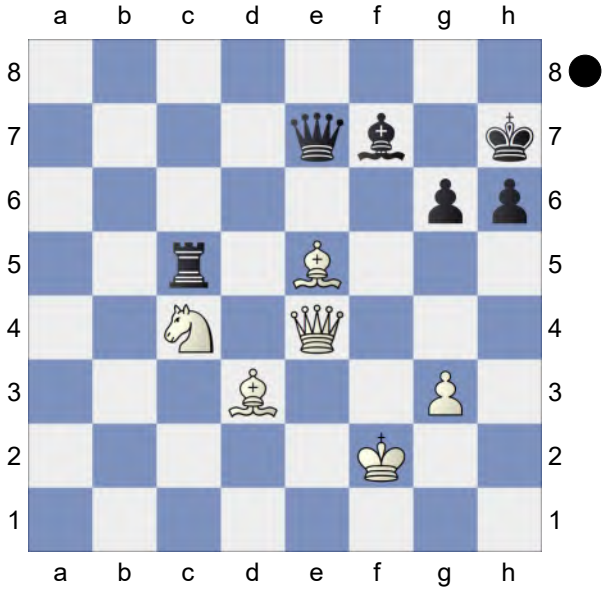
41...Ra5 42.Be2 This bishop pair is nice. **42...Bf7 43.Nc4 Rc5 44.Bd3** Hoping for Qh7+. **44...g6 45.g3** -0.01/24 0x0.002cd9bee924dp-1022s more active pieces.

[White should play 45.Qf4± 1.00/24]

45...Kh7!=



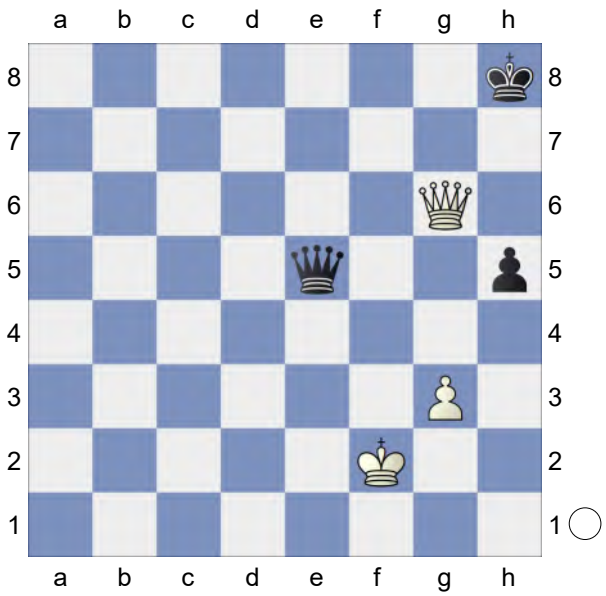
The position is equal. **46.Kf2**



Rxc4! Remove Defender, Deflection **47.Bxc4 Bxc4**

[47...Qc5+ looks sharper. 48.Bd4 Qxc4 49.Qe5 Qc2+]

48.Qxc4 Threatens to win with Qc7. **48...Qxe5** KQ-KQ **49.Qf7+ Kh8 50.Qxg6 h5**



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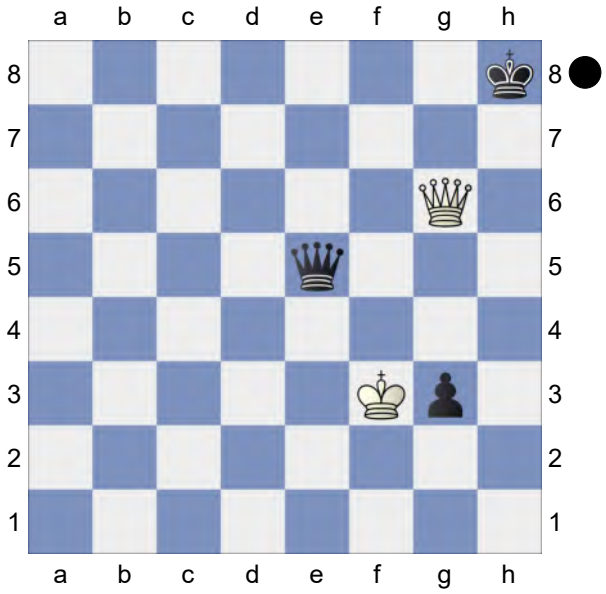
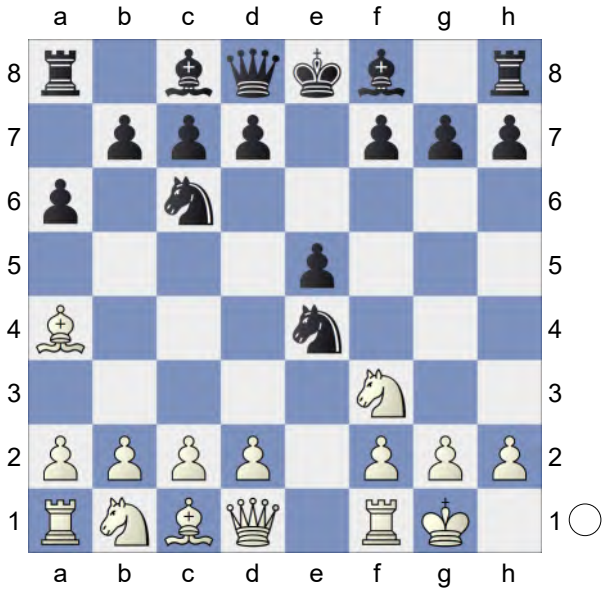


Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

23 **C82**
□ **Svane,Frederik** **2655**
■ **Ter Sahakyan,Samvel** **2609**
TCh-Div Honor 2024 (1.2) 12.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



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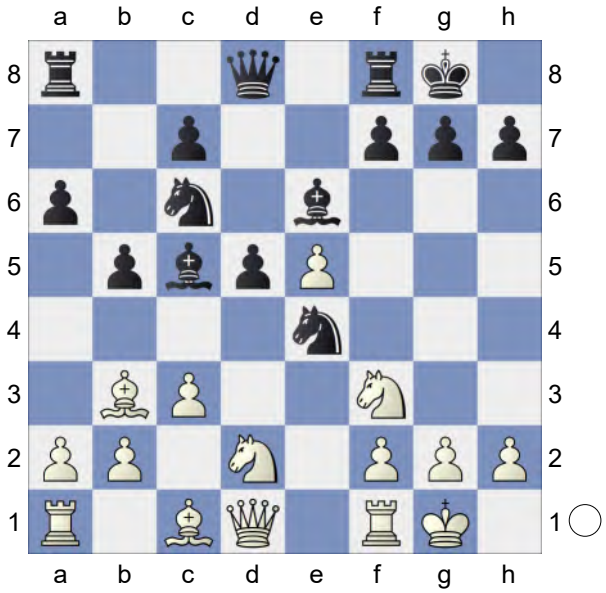

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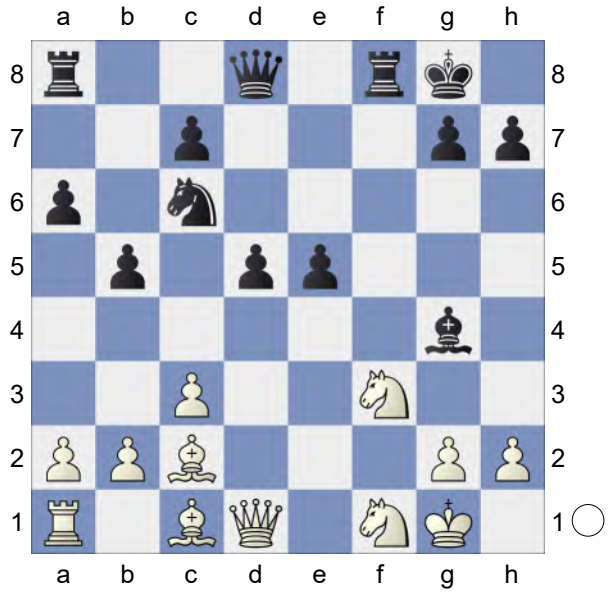

16.Ne3! White has compensation. **16...Be6 17.Nf1** Strongly threatening Ng5. **17...Bg4 18.Ne3!↑** Black is under pressure. **18...Be6 19.b3 d4N**

[19...a5 20.Bb2 Qe7 *(20...Rb8 21.Qe1 e4 22.Nd4 Nxd4 23.cxd4 c6 24.Bd1 Rf6 25.a3 Qb6 26.Be2 h6 27.Bc3 b4 28.axb4 axb4 29.Ra6 Qb7 30.Bd2 Rff8 31.h3 Ra8 32.Bxb4 Rxa6 33.Bxf8 Ra2 34.Bd6 Qxb3 35.Bh5* ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023*)* 21.Qe1 ½-½ Esipenko,A (2678)-Najer,E (2676) RUS-ch 75th Cheboksary 2022 (8)]

20.cxd4 Nxd4

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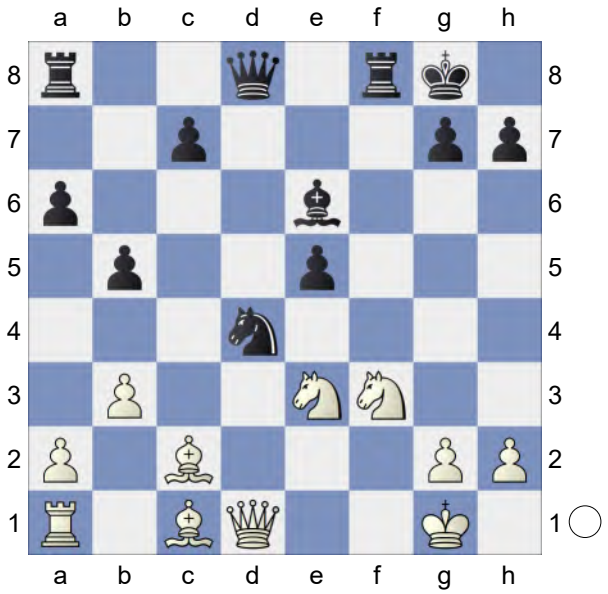


21.Be4 c6! 22.Qe1

[22.Nxe5 Qf6 23.Nd3 *(23.Qxd4 Qf2+ 24.Kh1 Qe1+)* 23...Rad8∓]

[22.Kh1 simplifies Nxf3 23.Qxd8 Raxd8 24.Bxf3 e4 25.Be2]

22...h6 0.63/18

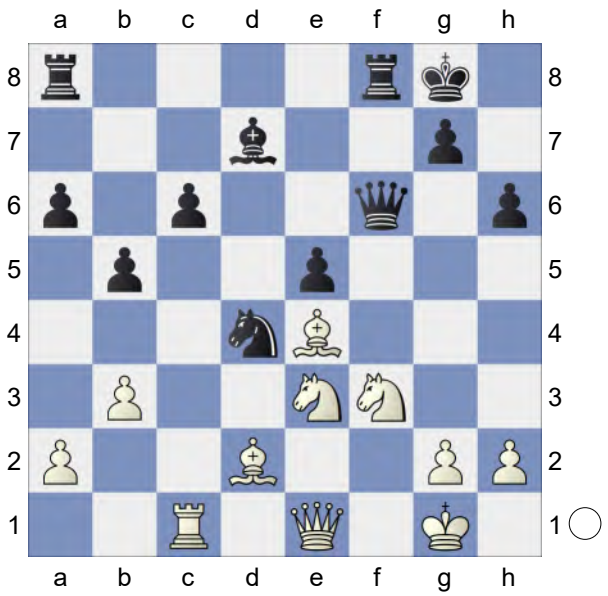
[22...a5= 0.20/19]

23.Bd2 Black is on the road to losing.

23...Qf6 1.12/17

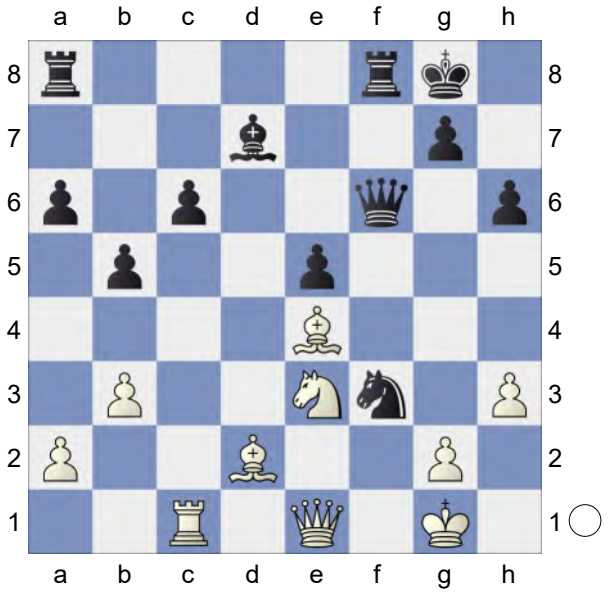
[23...Rf4!= 0.29/19 keeps the balance. 24.Ba5 Qd7]

24.Rc1± Bd7

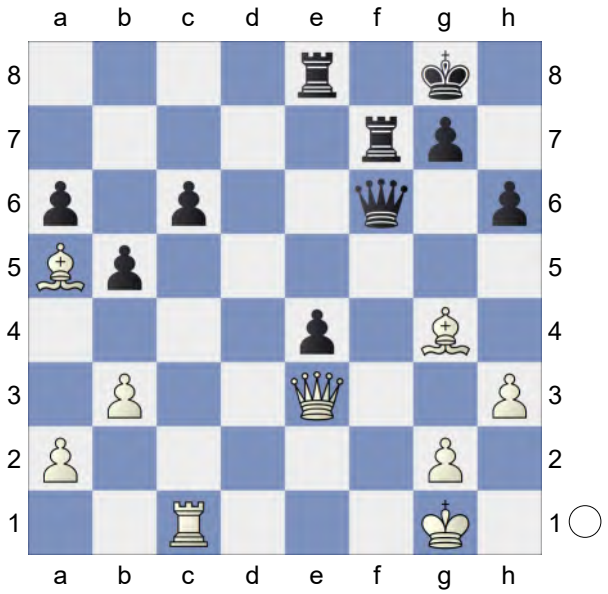


25.h3! Nxf3+ 2.15/19

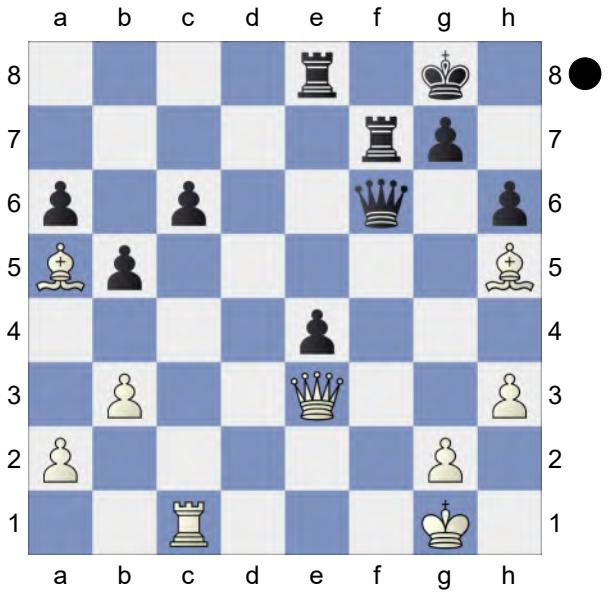
[25...Rac8± 1.38/19]



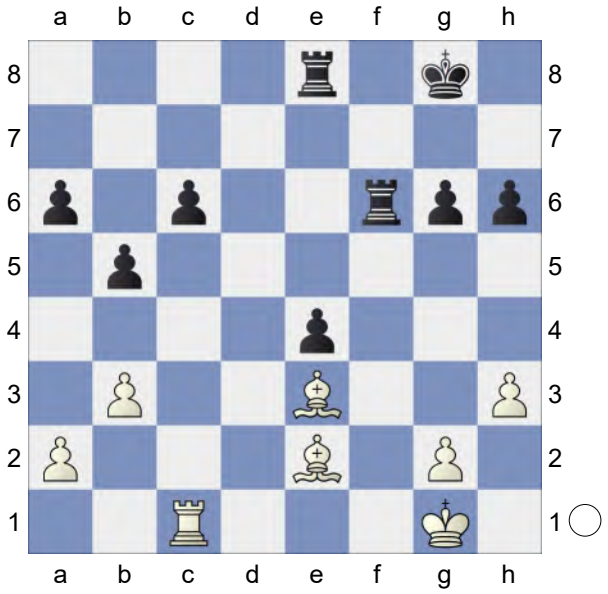
26.Bxf3 This pair of bishops is nice.
26...e4 27.Ng4
[27.Bxe4 Rae8 28.Bf3 Qd6±]
27...Bxg4 2.20/24
[27...Qd6 1.81/18 might work better. 28.Be2 *(28.Qxe4? Bxg4 29.Bxg4 Qxd2-+; 28.Bxe4 Rae8∓)* 28...Rf5]
28.Bxg4+- Rad8 29.Ba5 Rde8 30.Qe3
Repels Qd4. Active counter play!
30...Rf7



31.Bh5



Skewer **31...g6 32.Bc3 Qf5 33.Be2 Qf4 34.Bd2 Qxe3+ 35.Bxe3 Rf6**



36.Bxh6 e3 37.Bf3 Rd6 38.Rc2
[38.Bxc6? e2-+ *(38...Rc8? 39.Bd5+* Discovered Attack *Kh7 40.Rxc8+-)*]
38...c5 39.Kf1
[39.Rxc5 e2 40.Bxe2 Rxe2-+]
39...c4 40.bxc4 bxc4

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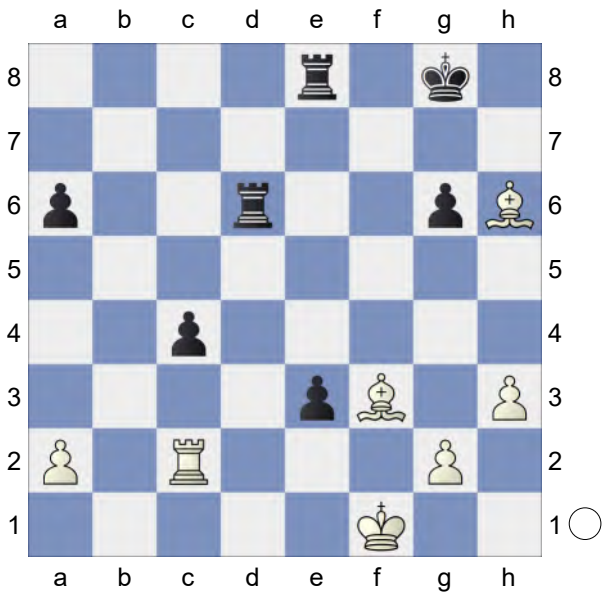

41.Rxc4 Rd2 42.Be4 a5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.23 (precise)

43.Bxe3

[43.Bxg6 e2+ 44.Kg1 e1Q+ 45.Kh2 Rxg2+ Decoy *(45...Rxa2? 46.Rg4-+)* 46.Kxg2 Re2+ 47.Kf3 Qf1+ *(47...Rxa2 48.Rc8+)* 48.Kg4 Rg2+ *(48...Rxa2 49.Rc8+)* 49.Kh5 Qxc4 50.Bf5 Qf7+ *(50...Qxa2? 51.Bg4-+)* 51.Kh4 Qxf5 *(51...Qf6+* leads to mate. *52.Kh5 Qxf5+ 53.Kh4 Qf6+ 54.Kh5 Qg6+* Deflection *55.Kh4 Qxh6#)* 52.a4 Qf6+ 53.Kh5 Qg6+ Deflection 54.Kh4 Qxh6#]

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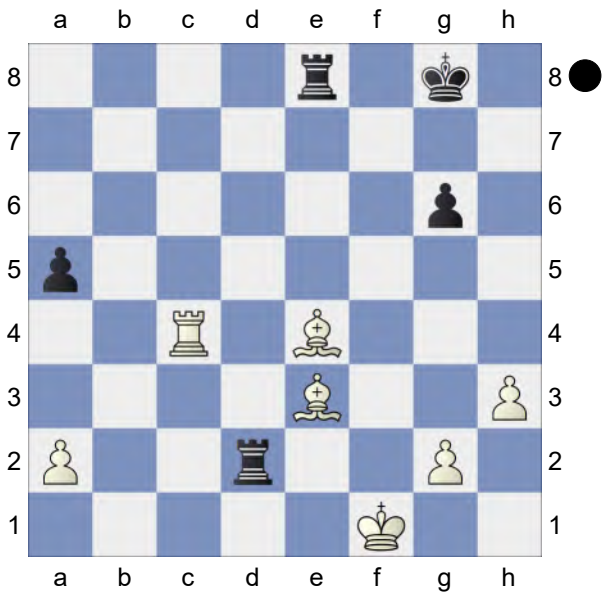

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24 **C82**

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**

■ **So,Wesley** **2760**

Meltwater Tour Final rapid (1.3) 14.11.22

[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 Giri,Anish **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

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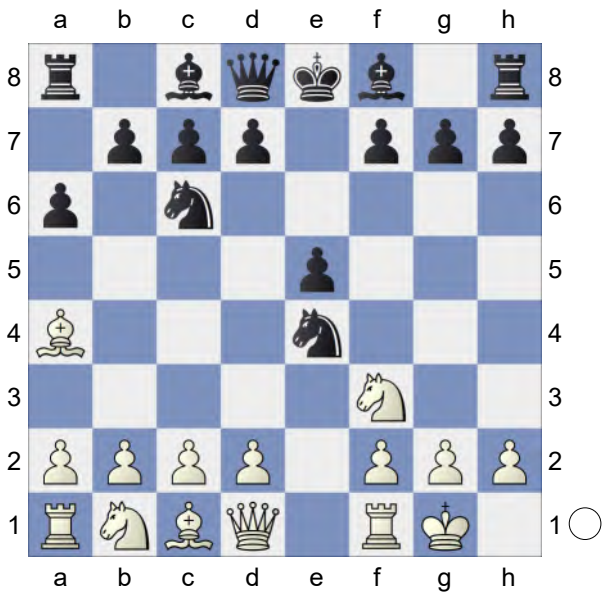
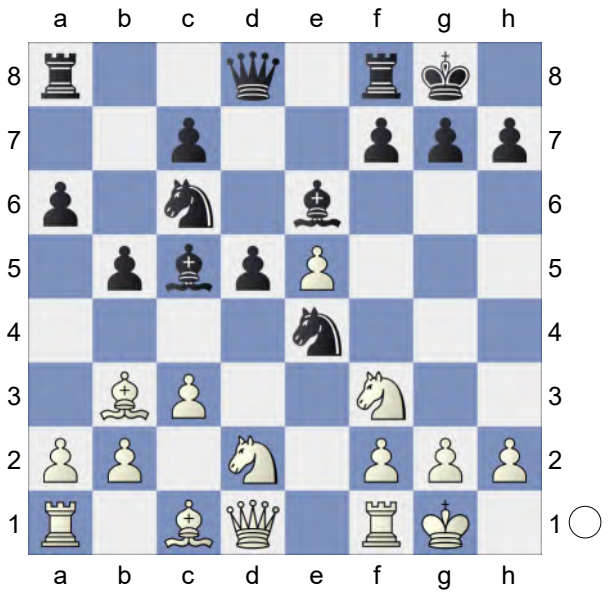


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3! is now more promising than 7.Nbd2 .im Vergleich zu 7.Sbd2 vielversprechender. **7...d5 8.dxe5N Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0**



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

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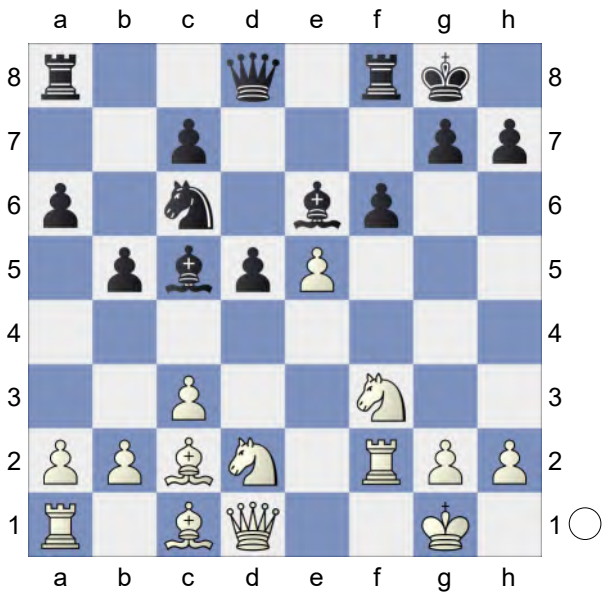
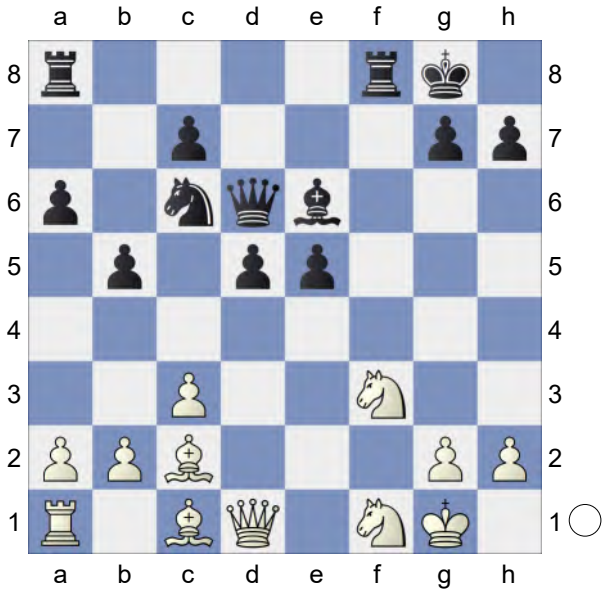


13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Qd6**



16.Be3 White has compensation.
[16.Bg5 keeps more tension. e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Be3]
16...Bf5 17.Bb3 A strong pair of Bishops. **17...Rad8! 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7** Repels Bc5 **20.Re1 Kh8**
[20...c5 1.03/23 20...Rde8 0.54

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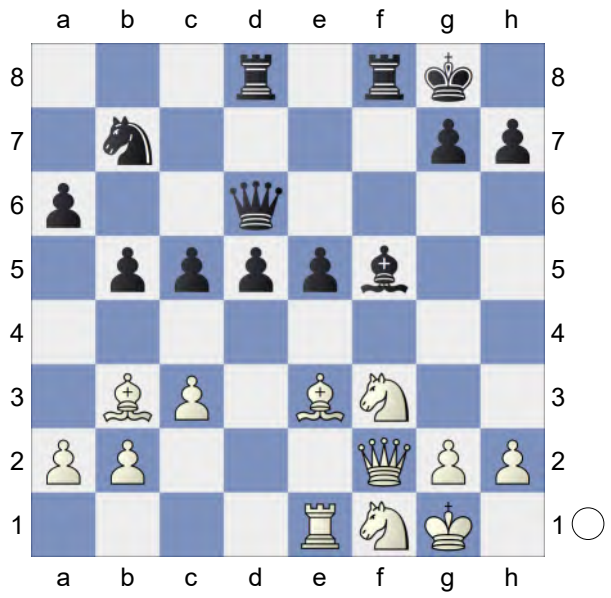
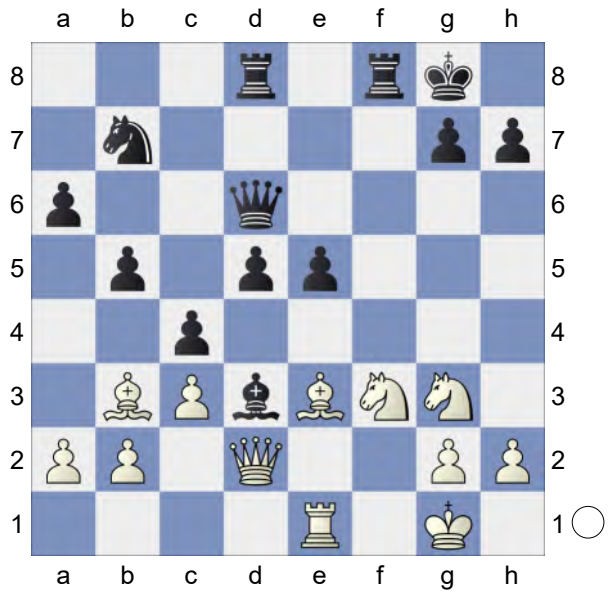


21.Ng3 0.39/20 *(21.Bg5!± 1.03/23 c4 22.Bxc4 bxc4 23.Bxd8 Nxd8 24.Qg3)* 21...Bd3± 22.Qd2! c4



23.Bd1! Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7 White must now prevent ...e4. 25.Nh1 e4 1-0 (50) Giri,A (2776)-So,W (2770) chess24.com INT 2021 CBM 201 [Giri, Anish] 26.Nd4 Qg6 1.11/19 *(26...b4± 0.49/20)*]

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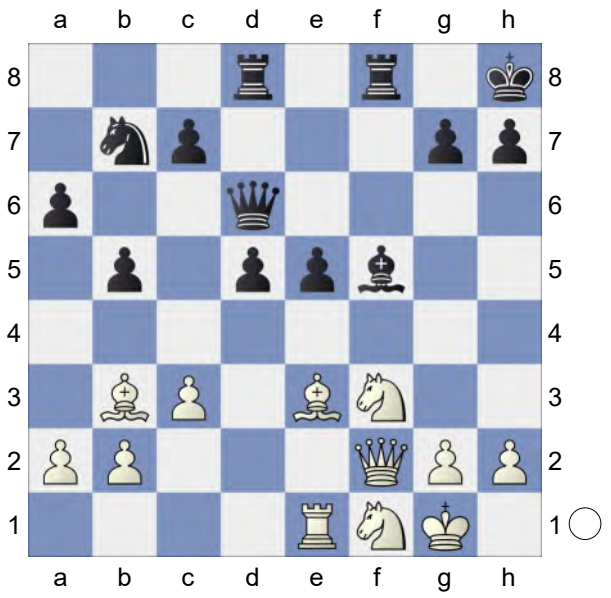
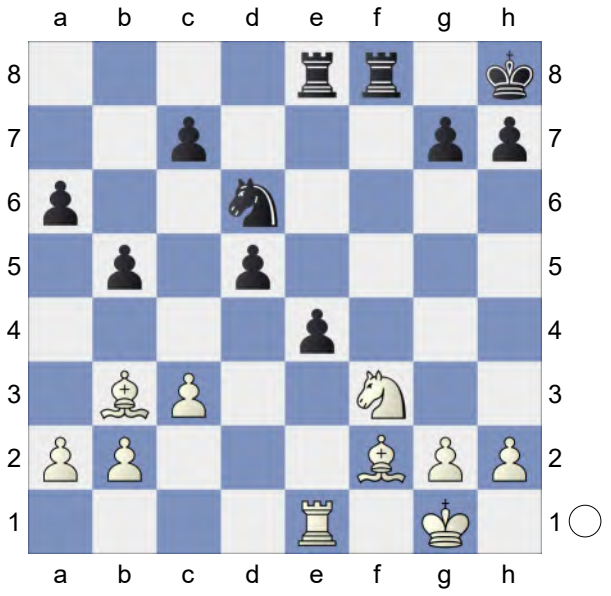
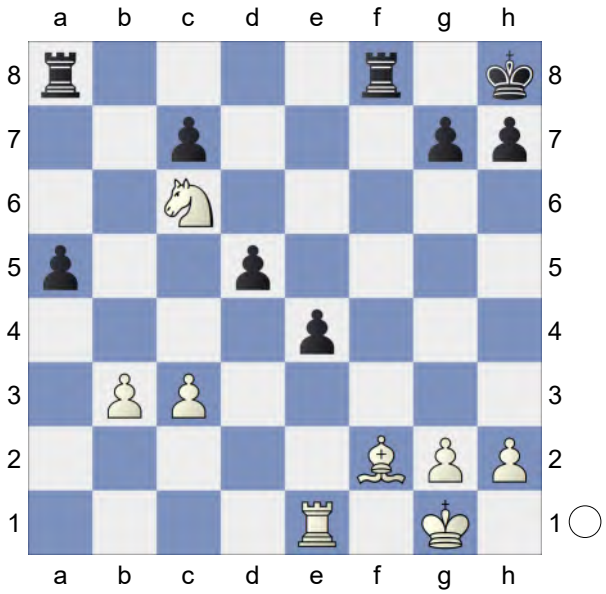


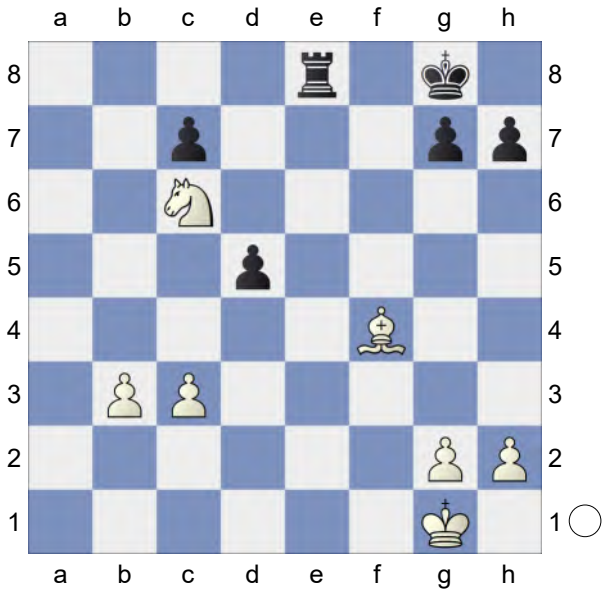
21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 0.00/22
[22.h4± 0.43/21 is superior.]
22...Be4= 23.N1d2 Bxf3 0.92/22
[23...Nc5= 0.00/24 remains equal.]
24.Nxf3± e4 25.Qxd6 Nxd6



26.Nd4 0.40/26
[White should try 26.Nd2± 1.00/25]
26...Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4 28.b4 0.15/21
[28.Nc6± 0.54/23]
28...cxb3= 29.axb3 b4 poses a challenge **29...a5N** 1.29/20
[29...c5= 0.05/24 30.Nc2 Rc8]
30.Nc6± Ra8



31.Ra1 White is more active. **31...a4 32.Rxa4** 0.19/23
[32.bxa4± 1.36/21 Ra6 33.Nb4]
This move loses the game for Black. **32...e3?** 1.93/34 **33.Bxe3+-** and Rxa8 would now be decisive **33...Rae8** 3.33/22
[33...Rxa4 1.72/22 34.bxa4 Ra8]
34.Rf4 Rxf4 35.Bxf4 Kg8



36.Bxc7 Kf7 37.Be5 Rc8 38.Nb4 g6 39.Nxd5 Vorgänger: **39...Ke6**
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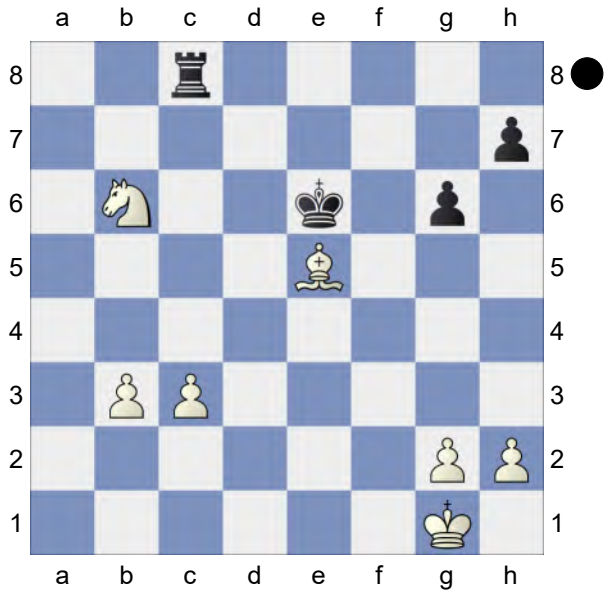
40.Nb6



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25 **C82**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2728**
Meltwater Tour Final rapid (5.7) 19.11.22
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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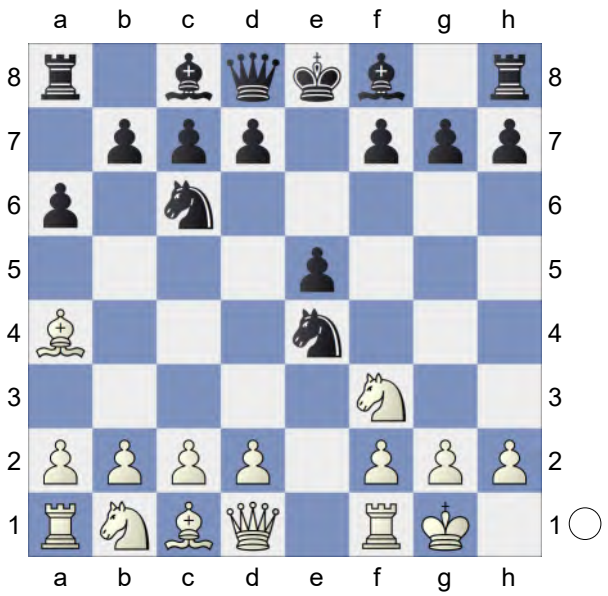

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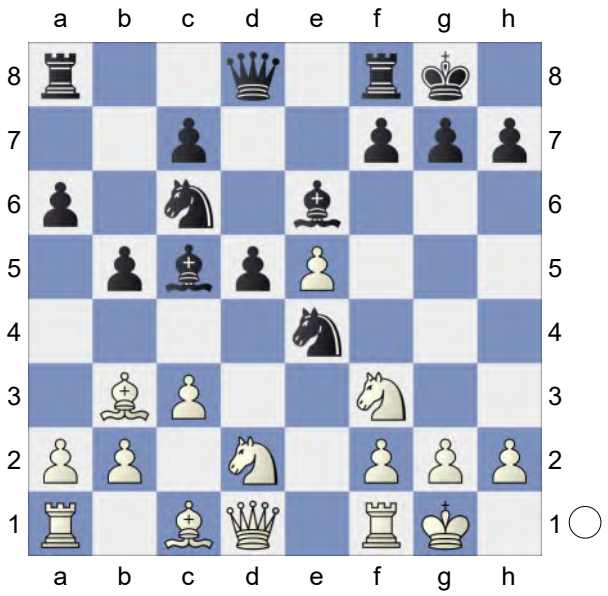

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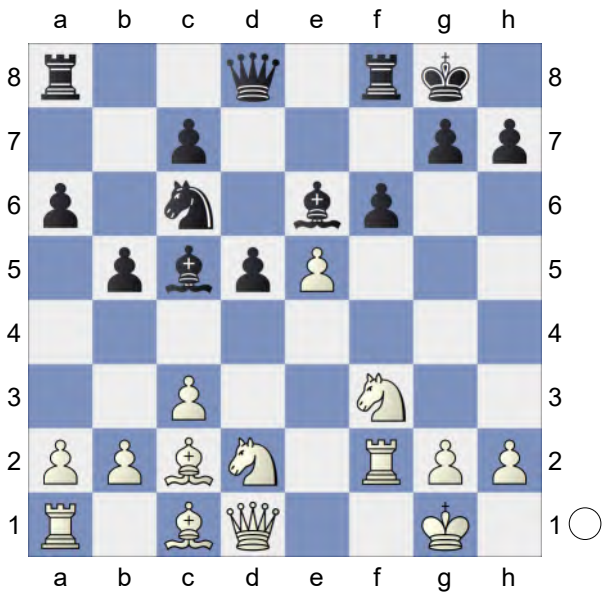
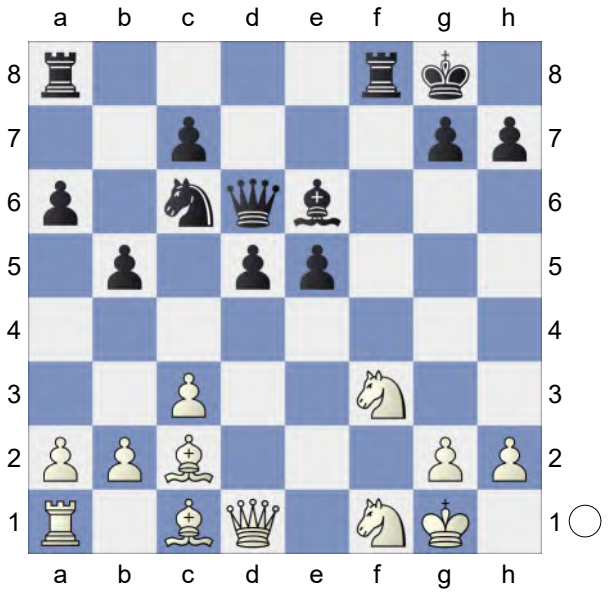


13.Nf1! is now more promising than 13. exf6. im Vergleich zu 13.exf6 vielversprechender. **13...Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1** White is slightly better. **15...Qd6**



16.Be3 White has compensation. **16...Bf5 17.Bb3** This pair of bishops is nice. **17...Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7** Wards off Bc5 **20.Re1 Kh8N**

[Vorgänger: 20...c5 0.95/17 20...Bd3 0.40

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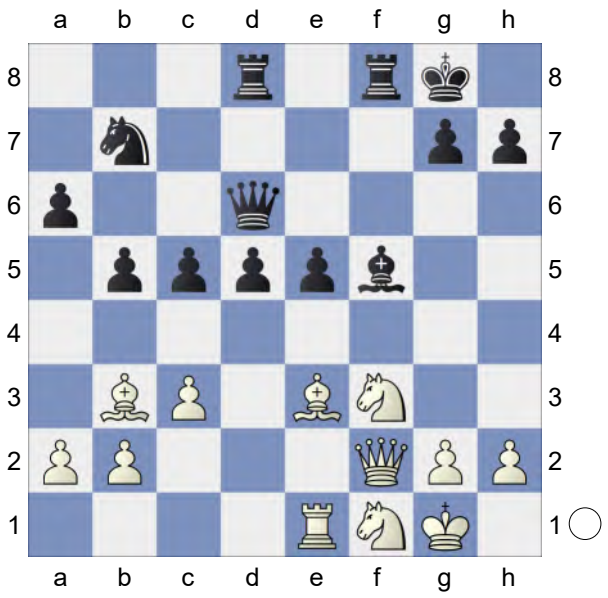
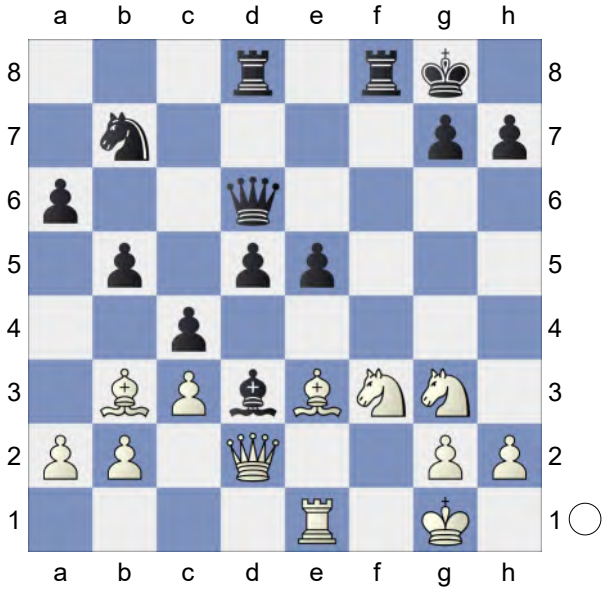


21.Ng3 0.09/20 *(21.Bg5!± 0.95/17 c4 22.Bxc4 bxc4 23.Bxd8 Nxd8 24.Nxe5)* 21...Bd3 22.Qd2 c4 0.85/19 *(22...e4= 0.21/18 23.Nh4 Na5)*



23.Bd1!± Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7 Threatens to win with ...e4. 25.Nh1 e4 26.Nd4 Qg6 1.08/18 1-0 (74) Nakamura,H (2760)-Caruana,F (2783) Madrid 2022 *(26...Nc5± 0.43/19)*]

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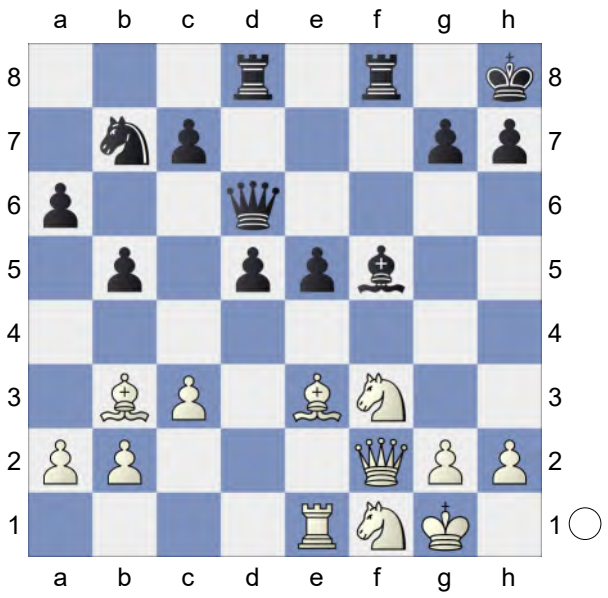
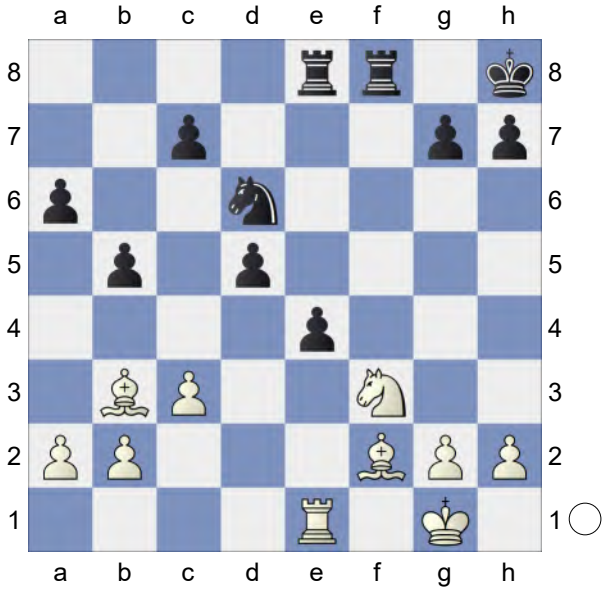
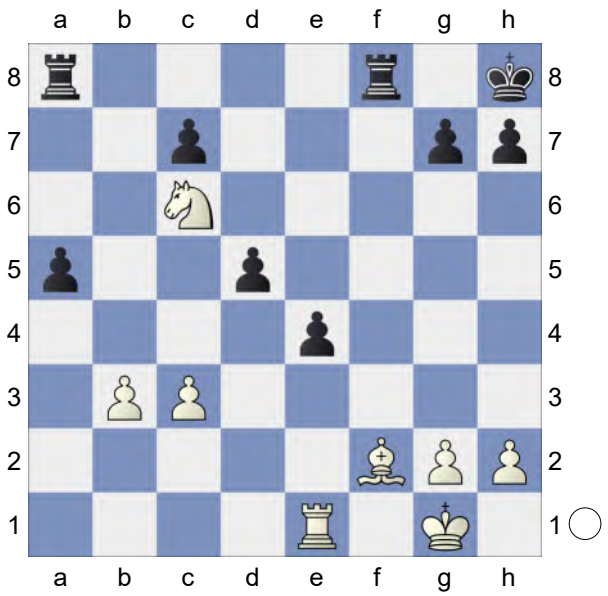


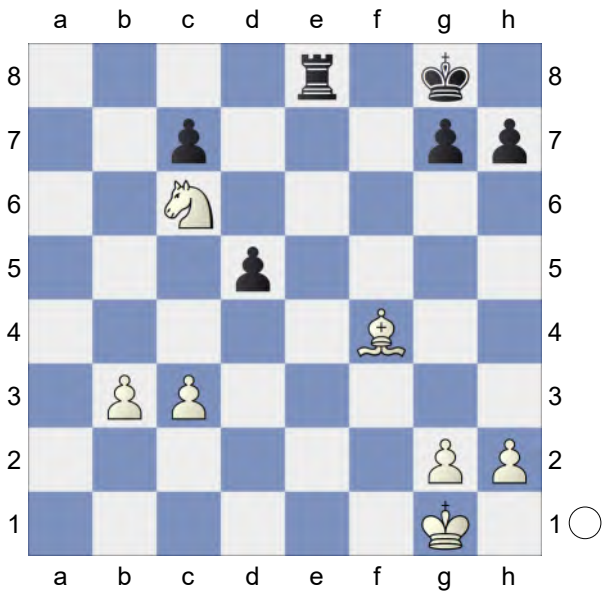
21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 0.00/20
[Better is 22.h4± 0.75/18]
22...Be4= 23.N1d2 Bxf3 1.00/19
[23...Nc5= -0.04/23 keeps the balance.]
24.Nxf3± e4 25.Qxd6 Nxd6



26.Nd4 0.34/24
[26.Nd2± 1.10/23]
26...Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4 28.b4 0.19/18
[28.Nc6± 0.61/19]
28...cxb3= 29.axb3 a5N 1.31/19
[29...c5= 0.17/21 30.Nc2 Rc8]
30.Nc6± Ra8



31.Ra1 White is more active. **31...a4 32.Rxa4** 0.24/21
[32.bxa4± 1.40/19 Ra6 33.Nb4]
A mistake that costs the game. **32...e3?** 2.58/27 **33.Bxe3+-** Hoping for Rxa8. **33...Rae8?** 3.25/20
[33...Rxa4 1.69/20 34.bxa4 Ra8]
34.Rf4 Rxf4 35.Bxf4 Kg8



36.Bxc7 Kf7 37.Be5 Rc8 38.Nb4 g6 39.Nxd5 Ke6
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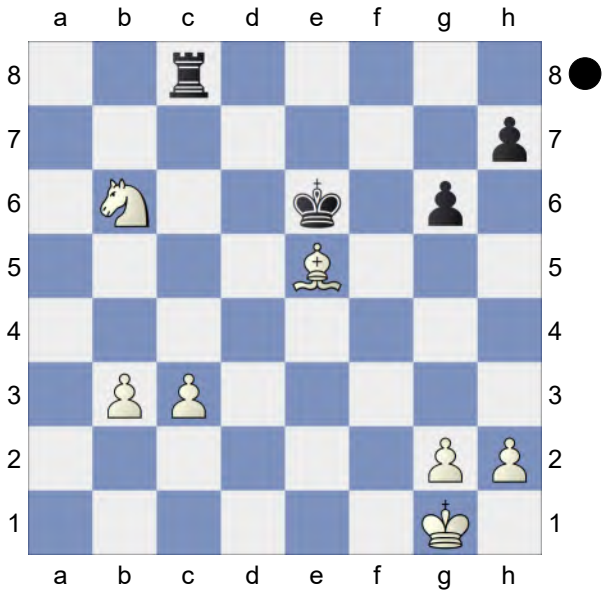

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26 **C82**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2793**
■ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2660**
World Blitz 2022 (7.36) 29.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
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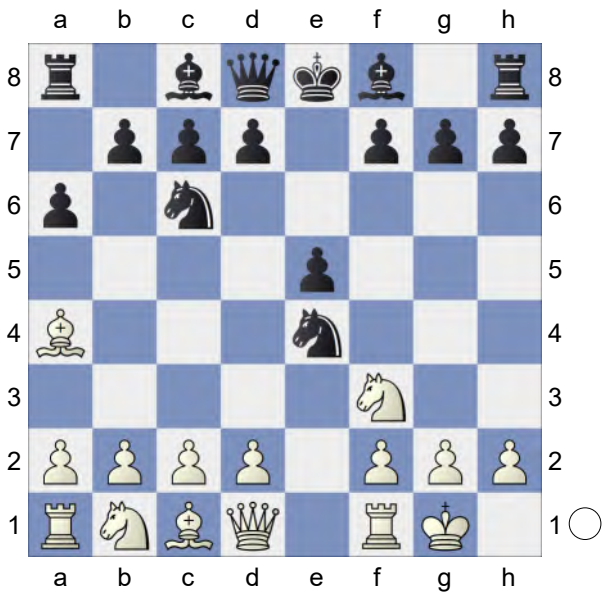
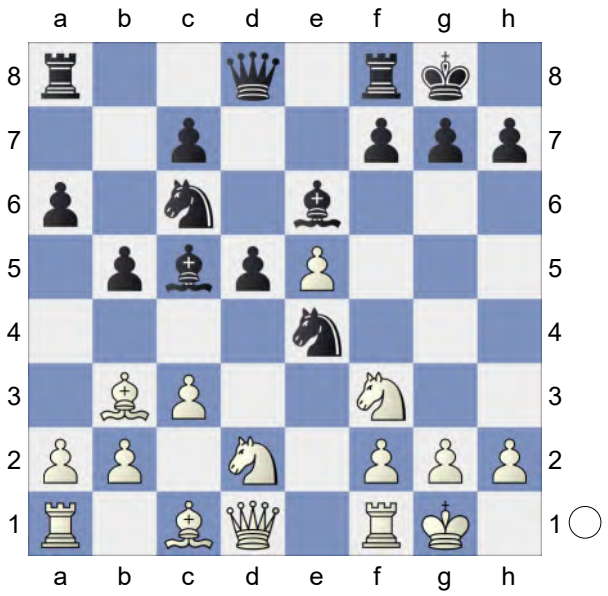


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Kg1!?** Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **14...fxe5 15.Nf1 Bg4**

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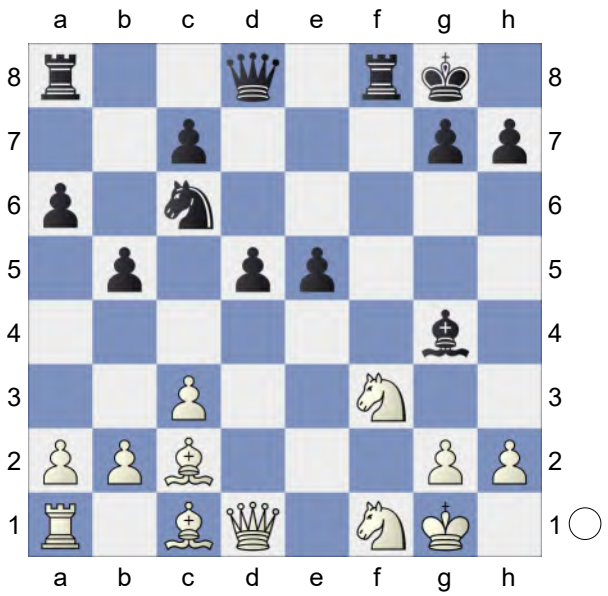

and ...e4 should not be overlooked **16.Ne3!↑** White has compensation. Black is under pressure. **16...Be6 17.b4**

[17.b3 d4 18.Qd3 g6 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Bb2 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Rxf3 22.Qe2 Qg5+ 23.Ng2 Raf8 24.h4 Qg3 25.Bxe5 Qg4 26.Re1 Bd5 27.Bd1 Qf5 28.Bd4 Rg3 29.Bc2 Qd7 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Nakamura,H (2787) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2023 (4.28)]

17...h6N

[Data server:: 17...d4 0.85/21 17...h6 0.43 18.Qd3! g6 19.cxd4 0.35/22 *(19.Nf1± 0.93/21)* 19...Nxb4 0.73/19 *(19...Nxd4± 0.35/22 20.Nxe5 Nxc2 21.Qxc2 Qd4)* 20.Qc3± Rxf3 21.Qxb4 Threatens to win with Bb3. Rf4 1-0 (59) Sasikiran,K (2640)-Vokhidov,S (2521) Riga 2021]

[17...a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6 26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 Qg6 31.Qxg6+ Kxg6 32.Rc1 1-0 (58) Vachier Lagrave,M (2722)-Deac,B (2668) Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (15.

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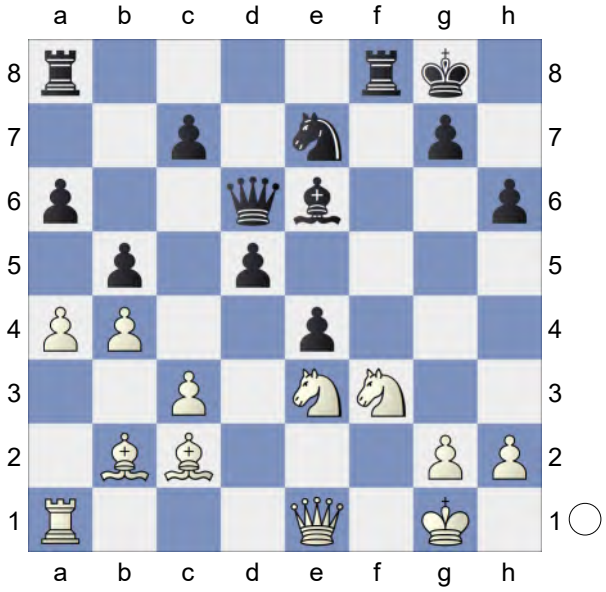
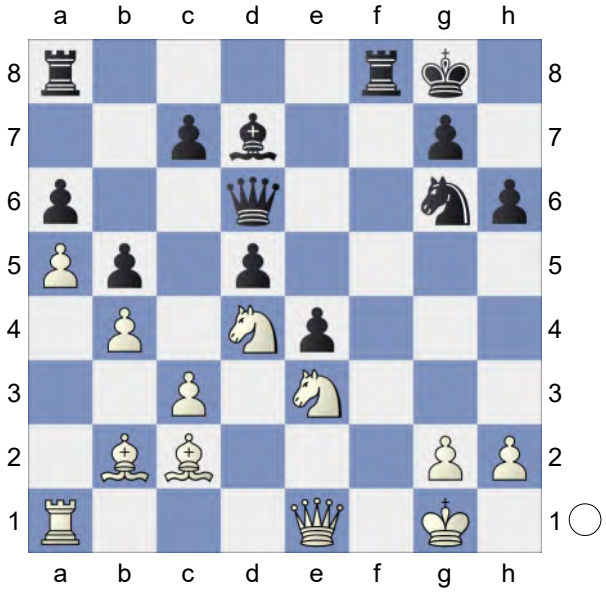
18.a4 Qd6 19.Bb2 Ne7 20.Qe1 e4 0.96/19

[20...Rae8!= 0.26/18 keeps the balance.]



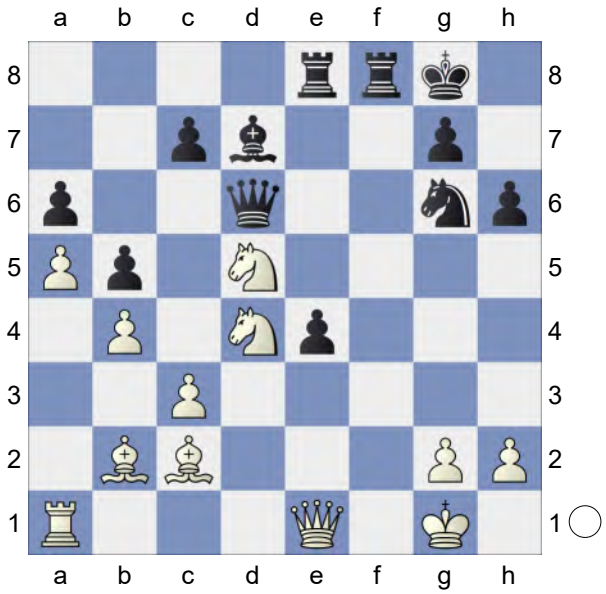
21.Nd4± Bd7 22.a5 Ng6 1.96/20

[22...c6± 0.82/21 is a better defense.]



23.Nxd5!+- Rae8

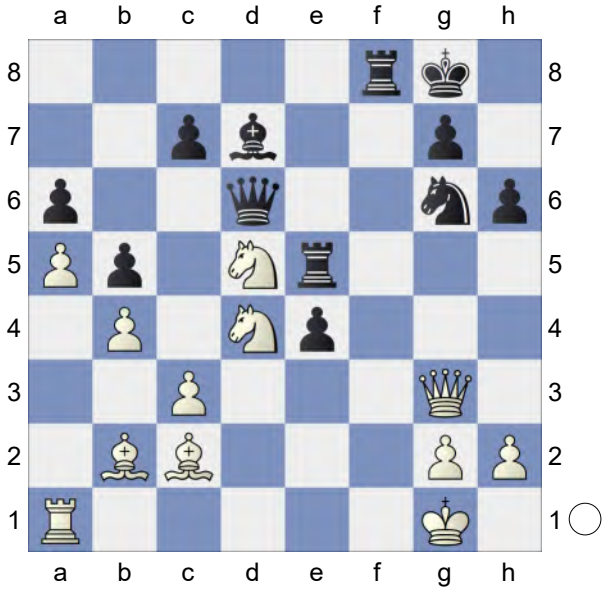
[23...Qxd5? 24.Bb3+- *(24.Bxe4 Qd6=)*]



24.Qg3

[24.Bxe4? Nf4 *(24...Qe5 25.c4-+)* 25.Nxc7 Qxc7-+]

24...Re5



25.c4 bxc4

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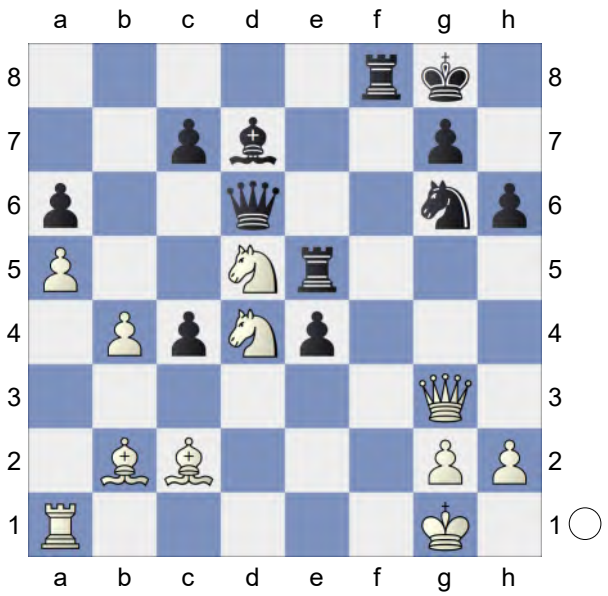
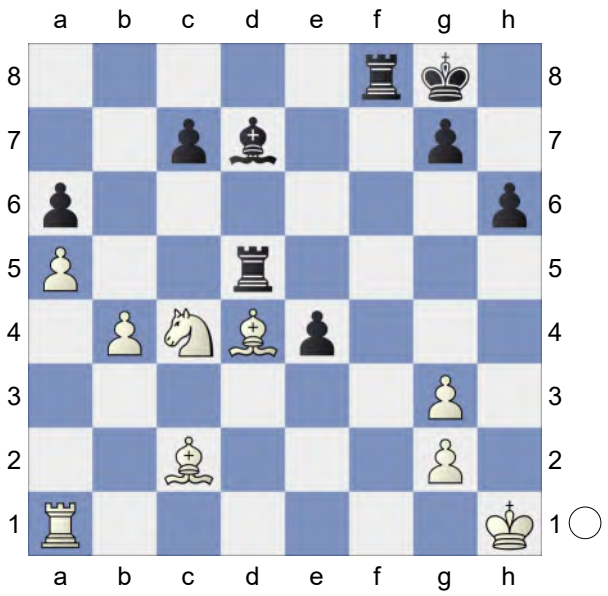


26.Ne3 This move loses the game for Black. **26...Nf4?** 2.71/19

[26...Qxb4= 0.16/18 and Black stays safe. 27.Nxc4 *(27.Qxg6 Qxb2 28.Rd1 Qc3∓)* 27...Rg5]

27.Nxc4 Qxd4+ 28.Bxd4 This pair of bishops is nice. **28...Ne2+ 29.Kh1 Nxg3+ 30.hxg3 Rd5**



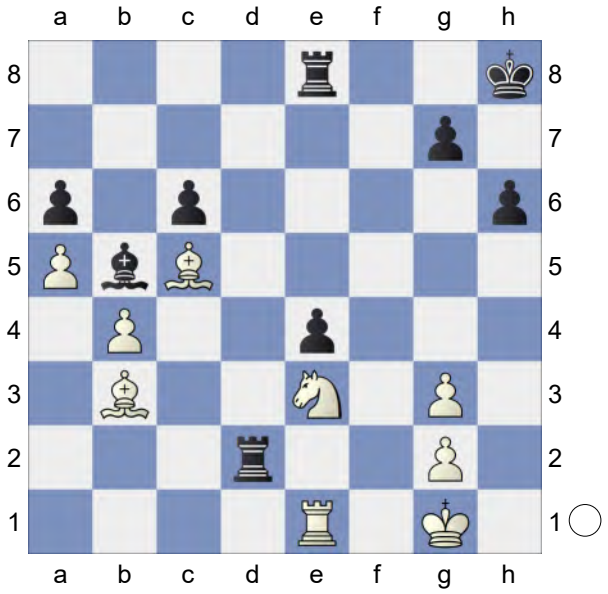
31.Bc5

[31.Bxe4? Rxd4 32.Bb7 Bb5-+ *(32...Rxc4 33.Bd5+ Kh8 34.Bxc4±)*]

31...Re8 32.Kg1 Kh8 33.Re1 Bb5 34.Ne3

[34.Rxe4 Rxe4 35.Bxe4 Rd1+ *(35...Bxc4 36.Bxd5 Bxd5 37.g4=)* 36.Kf2 Bxc4∓]

34...Rd2 35.Bb3 c6

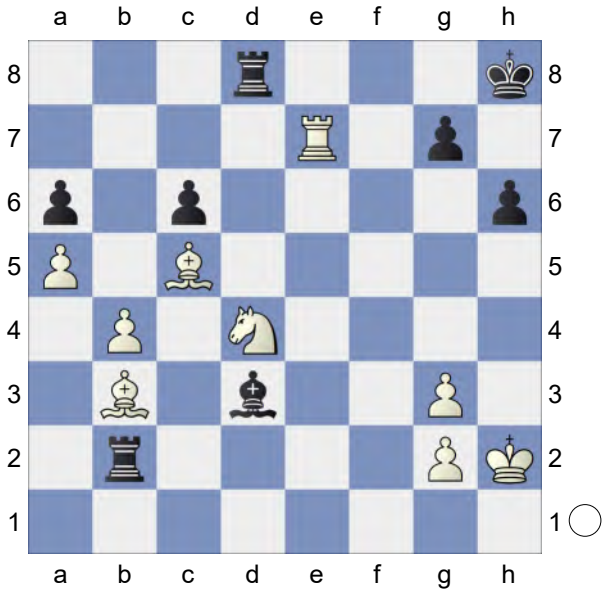


36.Nf5 Red8 37.Rxe4 Rb2 38.Nd4 Rb1+

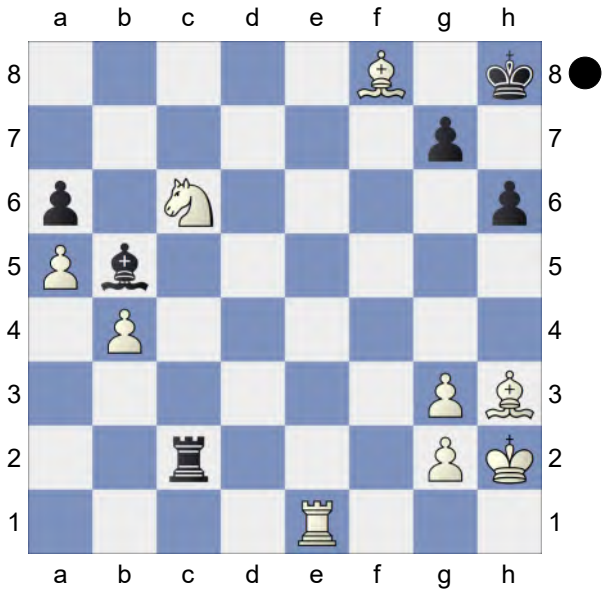
[Avoid the trap 38...Rxd4? 39.Re8+ Kh7 40.Bg8+ *(40.Bxd4 Rxb3 41.Re7 Rxg3∓)* 40...Kg6 41.Re6+ *(41.Bxd4 Rxb4 42.Re6+ Kf5+-)* 41...Kf5 42.Bxd4+-]

39.Kh2 White is clearly winning.

39...Bd3 40.Re7 Rb2



41.Be6 Bf1 42.Bh3
[Much less strong is 42.Nxc6 Rxg2+ 43.Kh1 Rf8+-]
42...Rf8 43.Nxc6 Rc2 44.Re1 Bb5 6.69/20
[⌓44...Rf6 4.29/18 45.Re8+ Kh7]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.39
45.Bxf8



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27 **C82**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
■ **Lysyj,Igor** **2589**
World Rapid 2023 (11.32) 28.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

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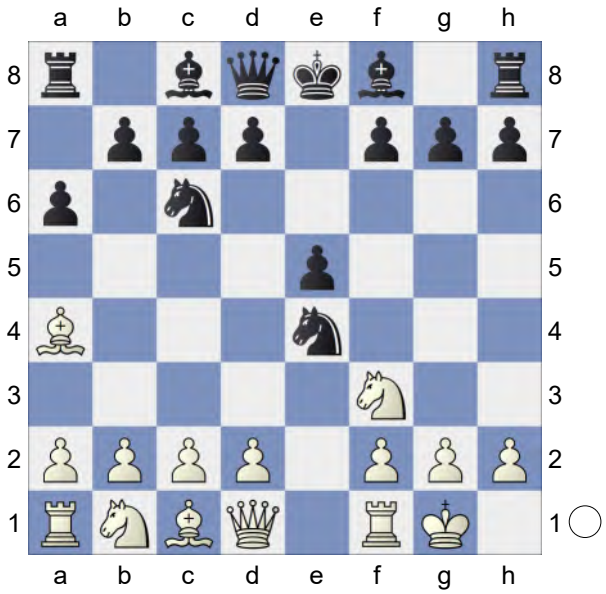
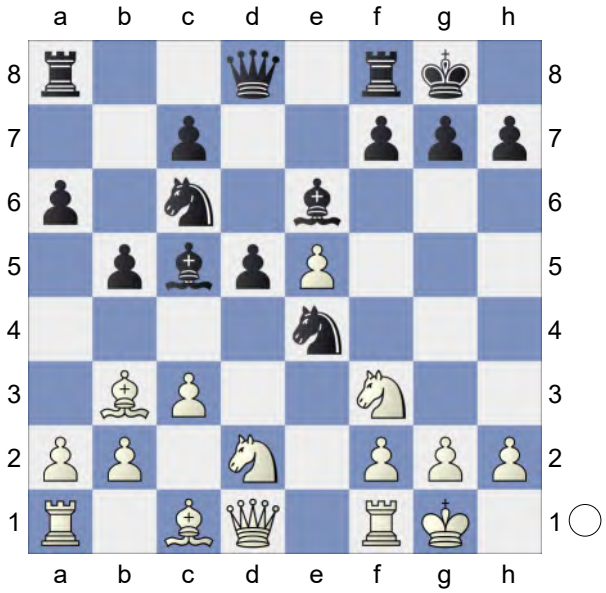
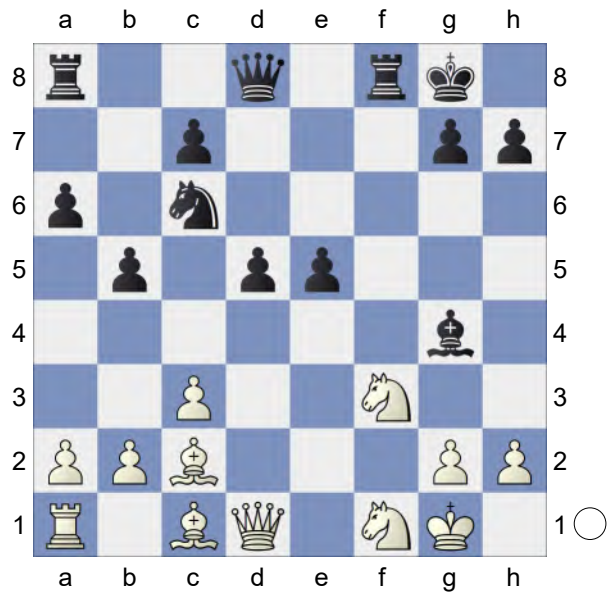


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

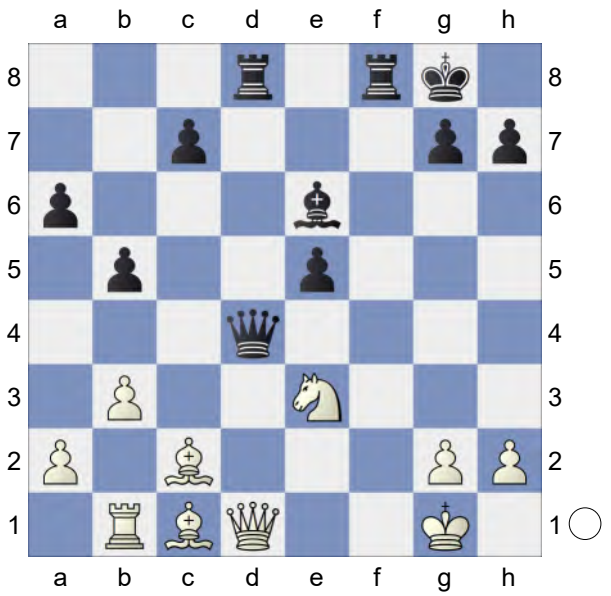


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 The position is equal. **13...f6 14.Kg1 fxe5 15.Nf1 Bg4** 0.57/21
[15...h6= 0.18/19]

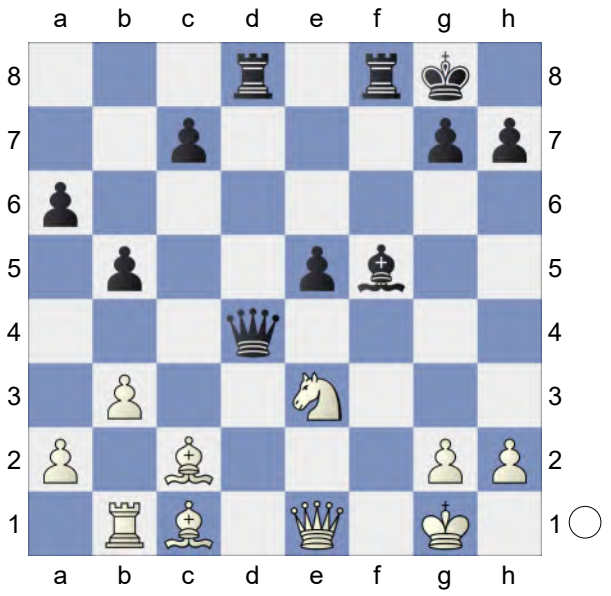
(Diagram)



16.Ne3± Be6 17.b3 d4
[17...Kh8 18.Ba3 Rf4 19.Bc5 d4 20.cxd4 exd4 21.Qd3 Bg8 22.Nf5 Qd5 23.Ba3 Re8 24.Rd1 Rfe4 25.Ng3 Re3 26.Qd2 R3e6 27.Bb2 Rd8 28.Nxd4 Qc5 29.Ne4 Qe7 30.Qe3 Nxd4 31.Rxd4 Rxd4 32.Qxd4 Carlsen,M (2862)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2757) Wijk aan Zee NED 2015 [Glenn Flear] ½-½ (51)]
18.cxd4
[18.Qd3 g6 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Bb2 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Rxf3 22.Qe2 Qg5+ 23.Ng2 Raf8 24.h4 Qg3 25.Bxe5 Qg4 26.Re1 Bd5 27.Bd1 Qf5 28.Bd4 Rg3 29.Bc2 Qd7 0-1 (29) Firouzja,A (2777)-Nakamura,H (2787) Chess.com INT 2023]
18...Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Qxd4N
[19...exd4 20.Bb2 dxe3 *(20...c5 21.Qh5 h6 22.Qg6 Rf6 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Bd1* 10. Ruy Lopez Open (4. Ba4 Nf6-Open 6...b5,9*)* 21.Qh5 g6 22.Bxg6 Qe7 23.Re1 Rf2 24.Rxe3 Rxb2 25.Bxh7+ Kg7 26.Rg3+ Kf8 27.Be4 10. Ruy Lopez Open (4.Ba4 Nf6-Open 6...b5,9]
20.Rb1 Rad8

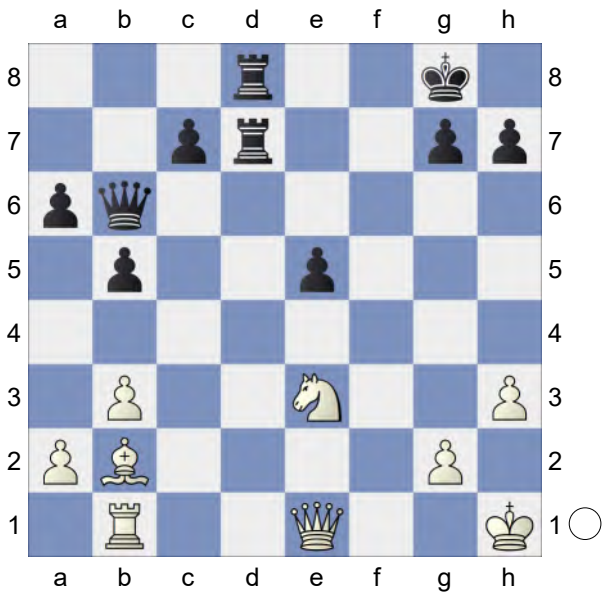


21.Qe1 0.10/24
[White should try 21.Qe2± 0.69/23]
21...Bf5!=

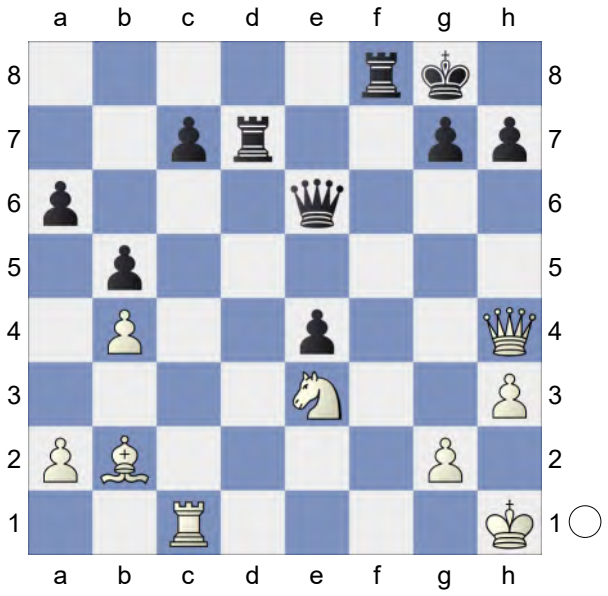


Hoping for ...Bxc2. **22.Bb2! Qb6 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.Kh1 Rf7 25.h3**
[Much weaker is 25.Bxe5 Qe6 26.Bb2 Rd3∓]
25...Rfd7 0.57/21
[25...e4= 0.01/22]

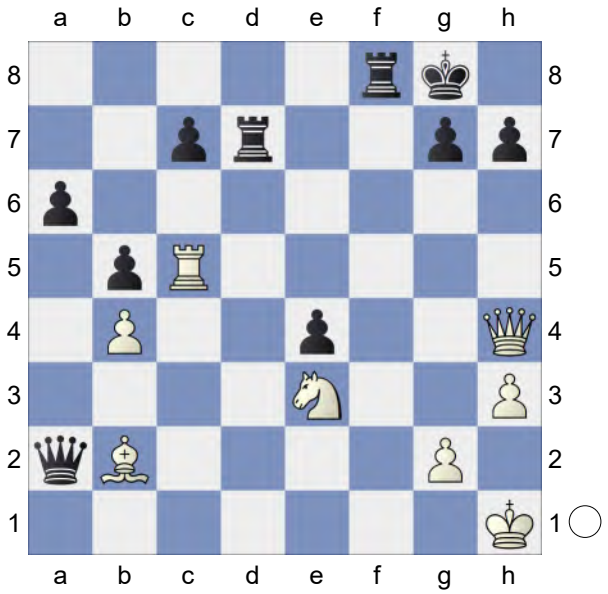
(Diagram)



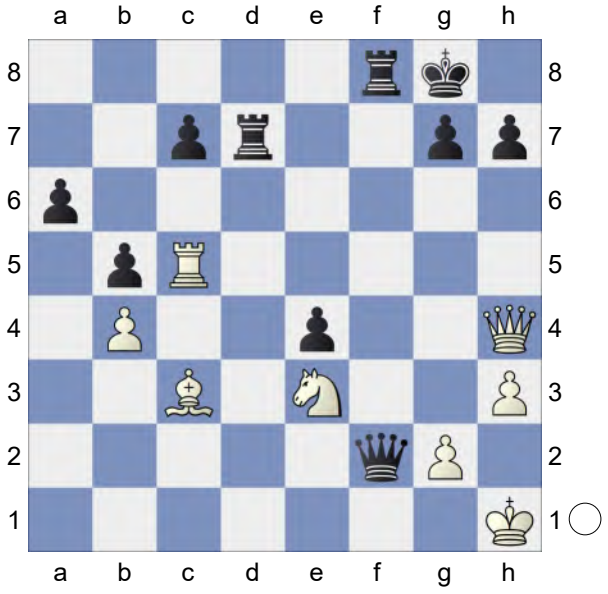
26.Rc1± White has compensation.
26...e4 27.b4 0.24/22
[27.Be5± 0.69/22 is superior.]
27...Qe6 0.56/21
[27...Qh6= 0.24/22 deserves consideration.]
28.Qh4 0.01/23
[28.Rc5± 0.56/21]
28...Rf8 0.71/22
[28...Qxa2= 0.01/23 29.Rc2 Re8]



29.Rc5!± Qxa2 1.87/25
[29...c6± 0.68/22]

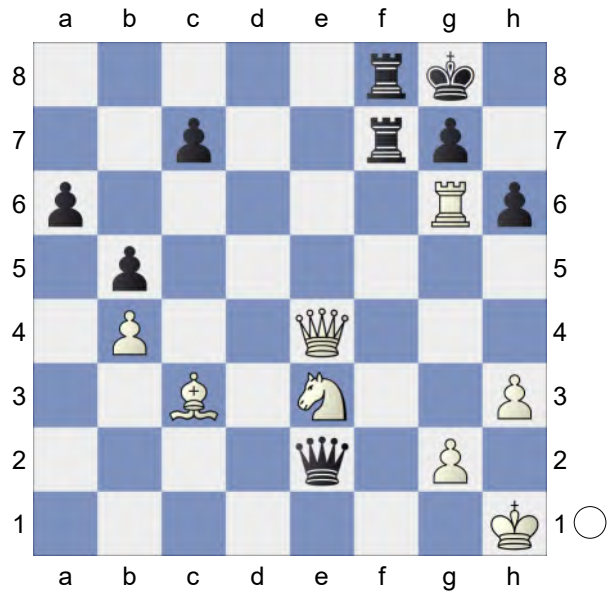


30.Bc3 0.42/22
[30.Qg4!+- 1.87/25]
30...Qf2 1.00/23
[30...Qe6!± 0.42/22]

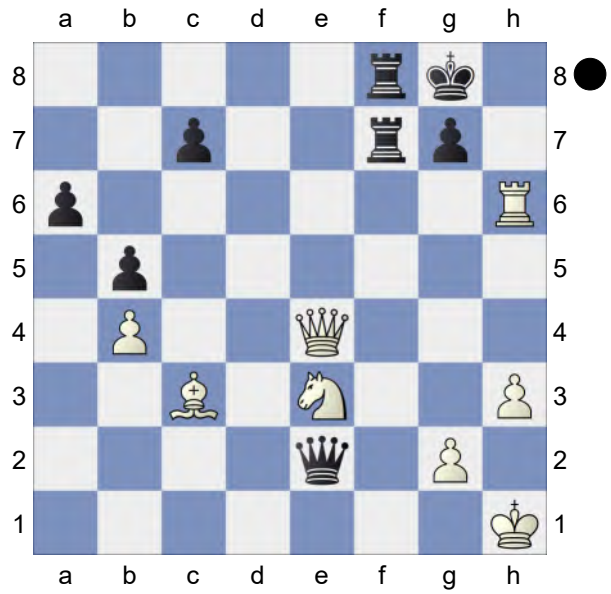


31.Qxe4 Rdf7? 8.46/30
[31...Qg3 1.77/26 32.Qe6+ *(32.Rh5?* is a self mate. *Rd1+)*
32...Rdf7]
32.Rg5+- Strongly threatening Qg4!
32...h6 33.Rg6 3.46/25
[⌓33.Rg4 8.13/27 Rd8 34.Qe6]

33...Qe2? 11.54/28
[33...Rf6 3.46/25 34.Bxf6 Rxf6]



34.Rxh6!!



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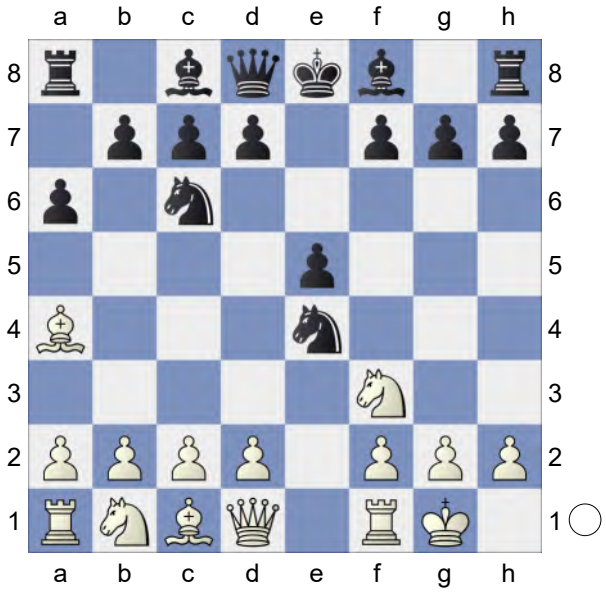
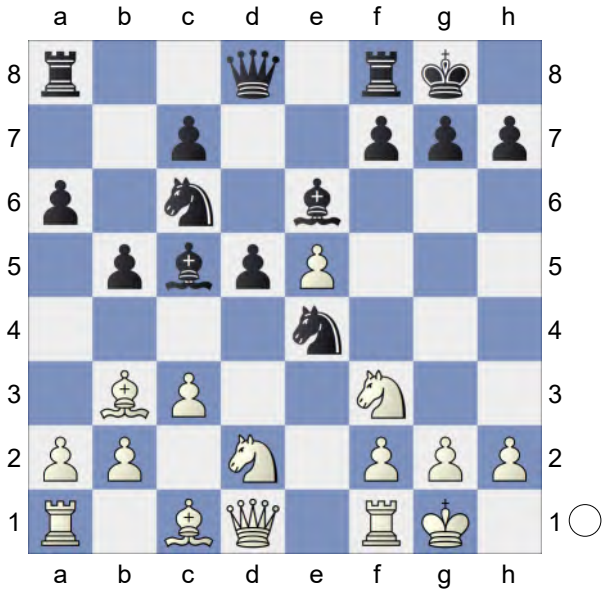
28 **C82**
□ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2653**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2668**
Cez Trophy 2023 rapid (8.1) 10.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

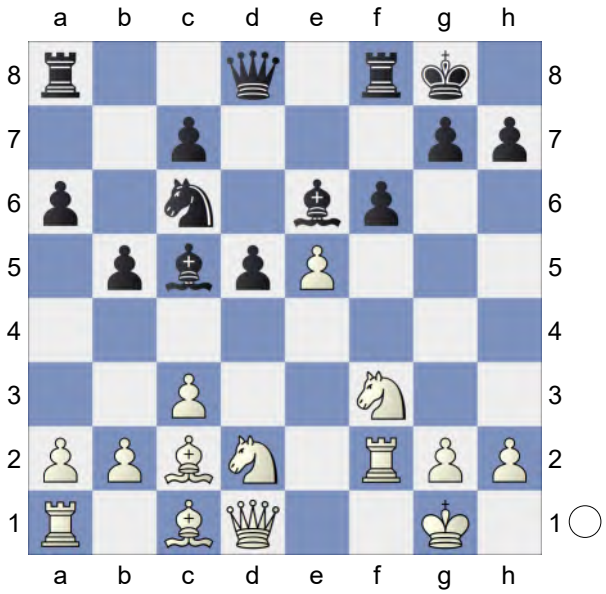
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



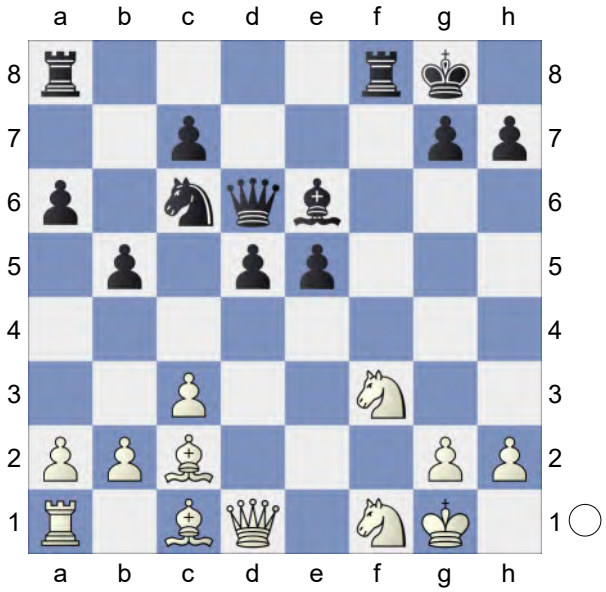
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6



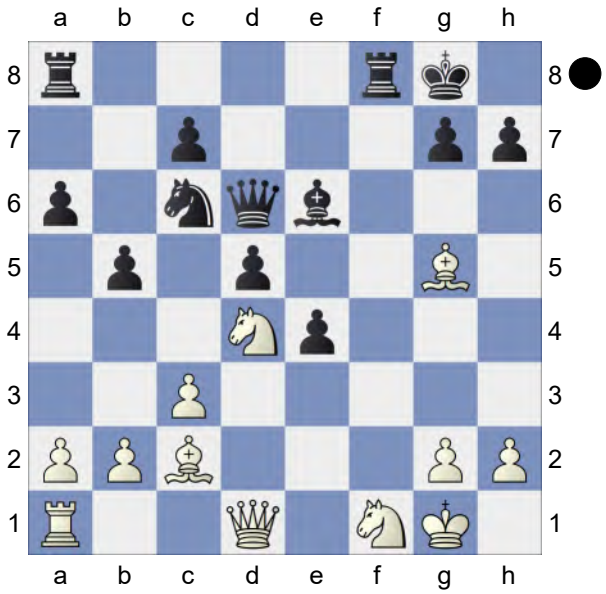
13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Qd6**



16.Bg5N

[16.Be3 h6 *(16...Bf5 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7 20.Re1 Kh8 21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 Be4 23.N1d2 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 e4 25.Qxd6 Nxd6 26.Nd4 Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4 28.b4 cxb3 29.axb3 a5 30.Nc6 Ra8 31.Ra1* 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2859)-Le, Q (2728) Meltwater Tour Final 2022 rapid (5.7)*; 16...Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 e4 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Rdf8 23.Rd2 Qb4 24.a3 Qb3 25.h3 R5f7 26.Ng3 Rf6 27.Kh2 a5 28.Nh5 Rf5 29.Ng3 R5f6 30.Nh5 Rf5 31.Ng3* ½-½ (32) Nepomniachtchi,I (2757)-Erigaisi,A (2782) 2nd UzChess Cup Masters 2025 (3.3)*)* 17.Bf2 Rad8 18.Bh4 Qc5+ 19.Kh1 Rde8 20.Qd2 Bf5 21.Bb3 Be4 22.Ng3 Kh8 23.Nxe4 dxe4 24.Qd5 Qxd5 25.Bxd5 exf3 26.Bxc6 10. Ruy Lopez Open-Open 6...b5,9]

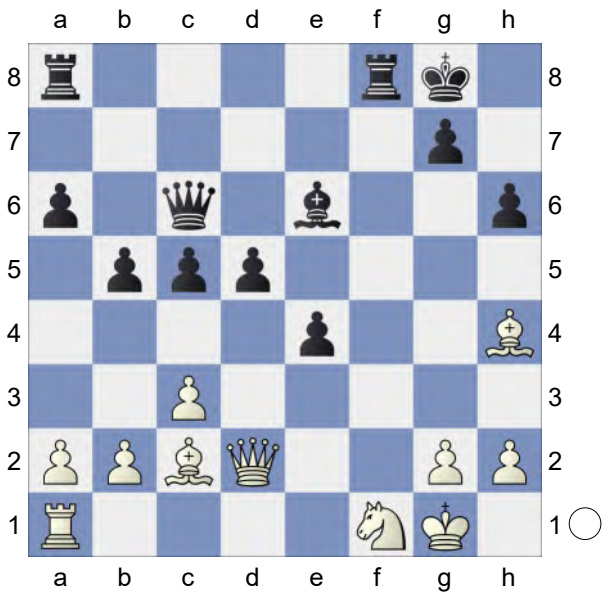
16...e4 17.Nd4



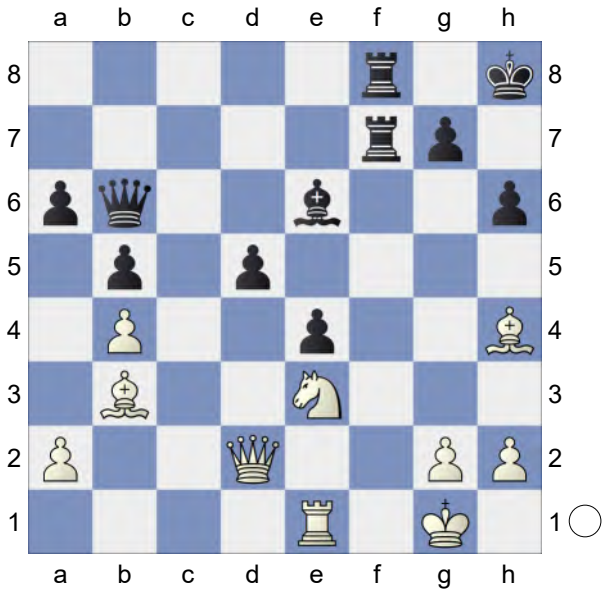
Nxd4N New and interesting.Theoretisch interessant.

[Predecessor: 17...Ne5 18.Ne3 Against Bg4. Hoping for Nxe6. Bd7 19.Bh4! Qh6 1.47/23 Prevents Qh5. *(19...c5± 0.42/19)* 20.Ndf5± Bxf5 21.Nxf5 Nf3+ 22.Qxf3! Qb6+ 2.61/19 *(22...Qxh4± 1.49/19 23.Nxh4 exf3)* 23.Qe3+- Rxf5 24.Qxb6 cxb6 1-0 Carlsen,M (2864)-Niemann,H (2642) Charity Cup Prelim rapid 2022 (5)]

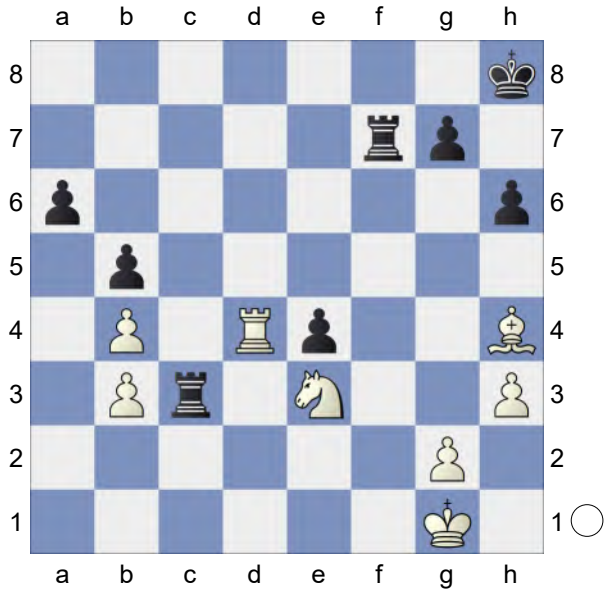
18.Qxd4 c5 19.Qd2 White has compensation. **19...h6 20.Bh4 Qc6**



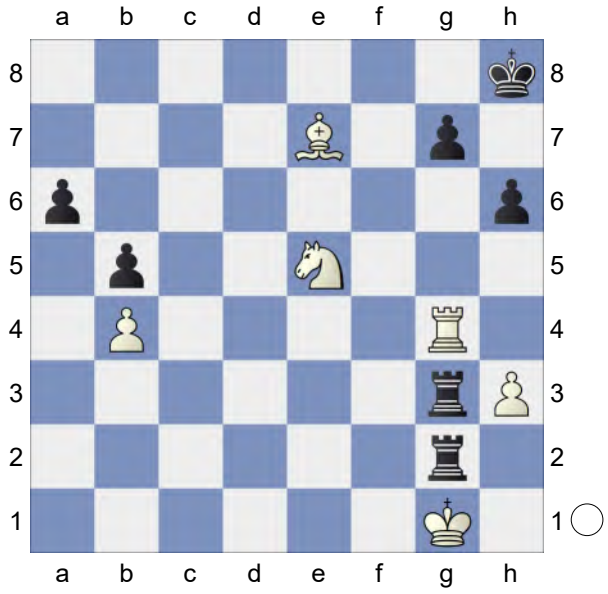
21.Re1 Ra7 22.b4 Raf7 0.89/22
Inhibits Bf2.
[22...cxb4= 0.26/24 23.cxb4 Raf7]
23.Bb3 -0.22/23
[White has to play 23.Ne3± 0.89/22]
23...cxb4 24.cxb4 Qb6+ 25.Ne3 Kh8



aiming for ...Rd7. Chess con chili.
26.Rd1!
[26.Bxd5? Bxd5 27.h3 *(27.Qxd5? Qxe3+ 28.Kh1 Rf1+* Back Rank *29.Rxf1 Rxf1#)* 27...Be6-+]
26...d4 27.Qxd4 Qxd4 28.Rxd4 Bxb3 29.axb3 Rc8 30.h3
[30.Rxe4? Rc1+-+]
30...Rc3



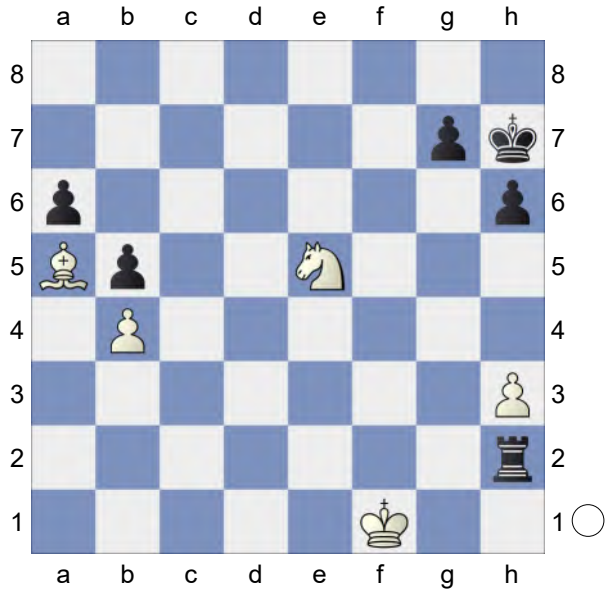
31.Rxe4 Rxb3 32.Ng4 Rc7 33.Ne5 Rc2 34.Be7? -1.57/23
[34.Be1= 0.00/21]
34...Rg3∓ Black is more active. **35.Rg4**
[Don't blunder 35.Nf7+? Kg8 36.Ne5 Rgxg2+ 37.Kf1 Rh2]
35...Rcxg2+



36.Kf1 Rxg4 37.Nxg4 -2.49/23
[37.hxg4∓ -1.56/21 Ra2 38.Bc5]
37...Ra2 38.Bd8 Rb2 39.Ba5 Kh7 40.Ne5? -4.50/21

[40.Nf2 -2.38/20 was called for.]

40...Rh2-+



Black is clearly winning. **41.Nd7 Rxh3 42.Nc5**

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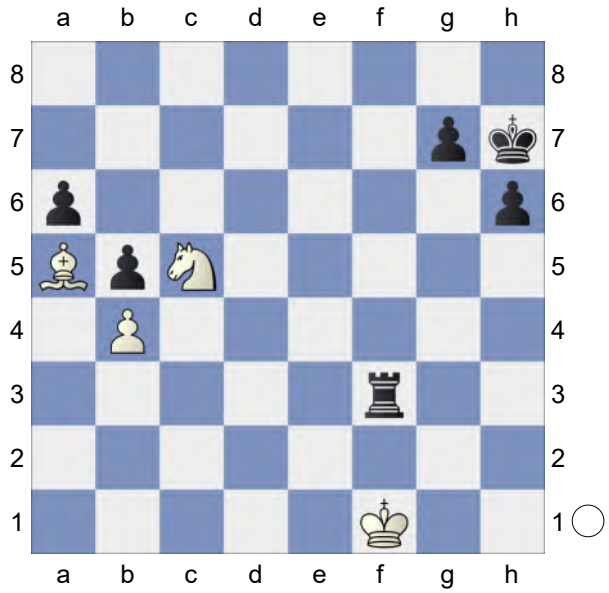
42...Rf3+



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29 **C82**

□ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2760**

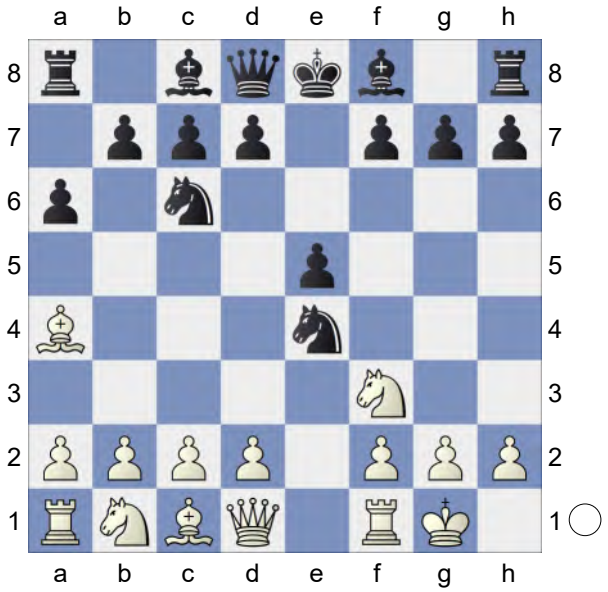
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2783**

FIDE Candidates 2022 (8.3) 26.06.2022

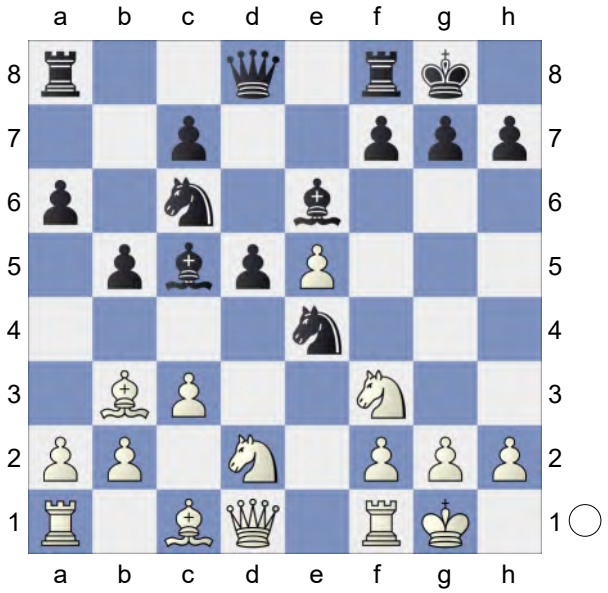
[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



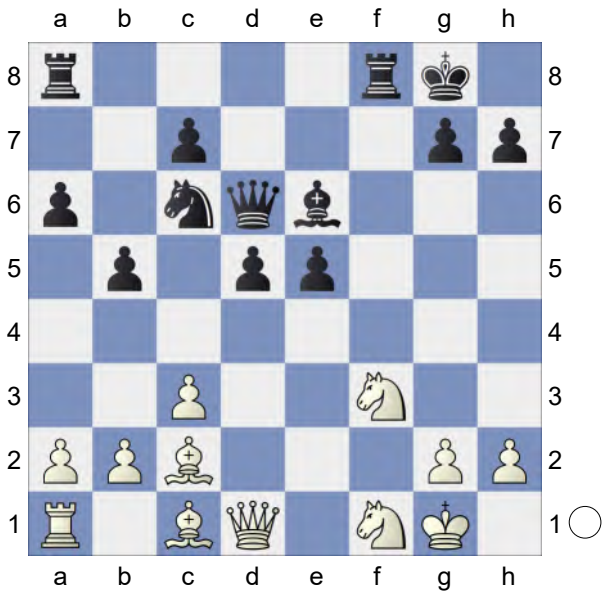
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1** 0.36/19

[14.exf6± 0.74/20 Qxf6 15.a4]

14...fxe5± 15.Kg1 Qd6



16.Be3 White has compensation.

16...Bf5 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2

[19.Qg3 is interesting. Bd3 20.N1d2 Rde8 21.Re1]

19...Nb7 Repels Bc5 **20.Re1 c5N** 0.94/19

[Better is 20...Bg4± 0.36/17]

[20...Rde8 21.Qd2 c6 22.Bd1 a5 23.b4 axb4 24.cxb4 Bg4 25.h3 Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Qg6 27.Qe2 Qf6 28.Bb6 g6 29.Qc2 h5 30.Bd1 Re6 31.Qc3 Nd6 32.Bb3 Kh7 33.Ng3 Qg5 34.Ne4 Nxe4 35.Rxe4 (39) Spagnoli,L-Bida,M URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]

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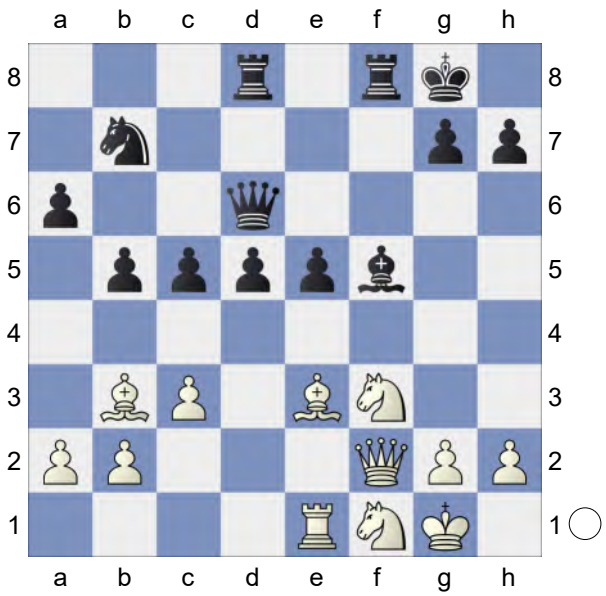

21.Ng3 0.00/20 White is more active.

[21.Bg5!± 0.94/19 c4 22.Bxd8 cxb3 23.Bh4 bxa2 24.Ra1 *(24.Nxe5? Bb1-+)*]

21...Bd3 0.55/19

[21...Bg6= 0.00/20 22.Qe2 c4]

22.Qd2! c4 0.83/22

[22...e4= 0.07/19 remains equal. 23.Nh4 Na5]

23.Bd1!± Rd7 24.Bf2 0.45/20

[White should play 24.b4± 0.88/20]

24...Rdf7± White must now prevent ...e4.

25.Nh1

[25.Rxe5? Rxf3 26.Bxf3 Qxe5-+]

25...e4

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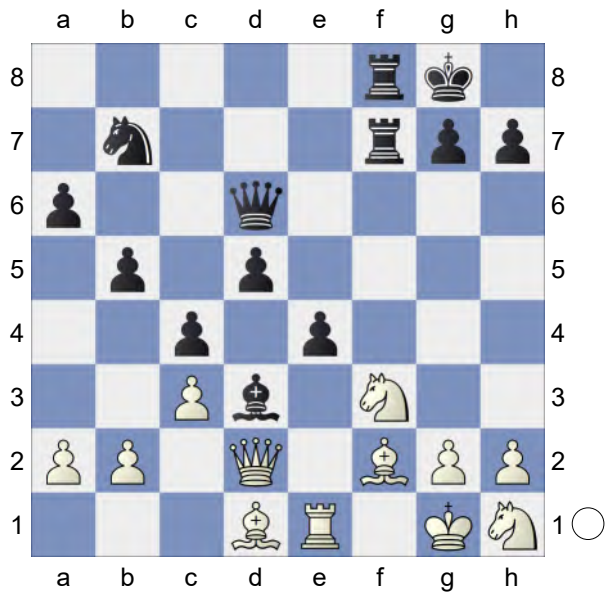
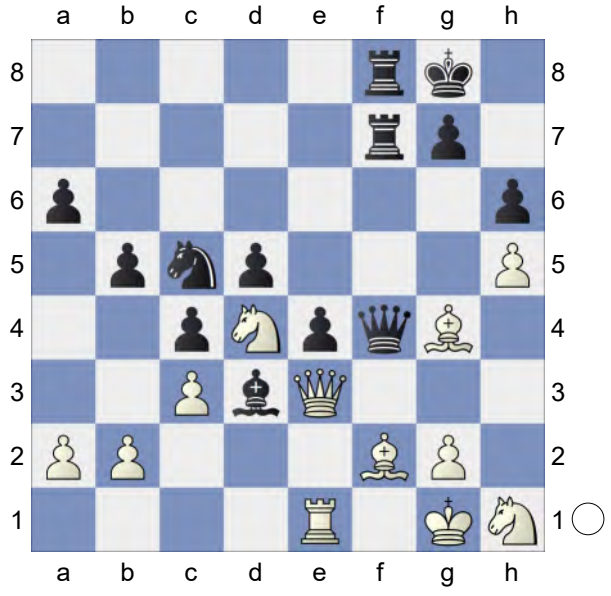


26.Nd4 Qg6 1.17/18
[26...b4± 0.47/18]
27.h4!± Nc5 1.57/19
[⌓27...h6 1.17/19]
28.h5 Chess con chili. **28...Qd6** 1.78/19
[28...Qf6± 1.40/17]
29.Bg4!+- h6 30.Qe3 Qf4



31.Qxf4 Rxf4 32.Ne6 Nxe6 33.Bxe6+ Kh7 34.Bxd5 R8f5 35.Bc6 Rxh5

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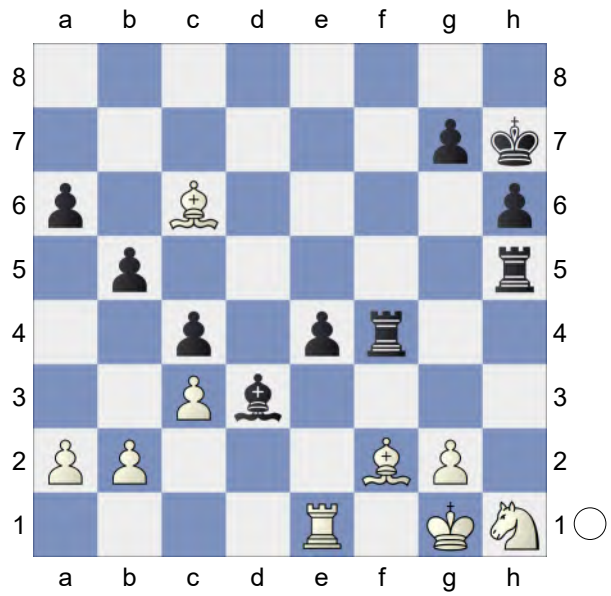

36.Bd4 Rhf5 37.Nf2 Rf7 38.b4 1.41/21
[38.g3+- 1.78/21 R4f5 39.Nxd3 *(39.Nxe4 Rf1+ 40.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 41.Kg2 Rb1±)* 39...exd3 40.Be4 Pin]
38...h5? 2.92/22
[38...e3± 1.41/21 39.Nxd3 *(39.Bxe3 Re7+-)* 39...cxd3 40.Bxe3 *(40.Rxe3? d2-+)* 40...Re7]
39.a4
[39.Bxe4+ Bxe4 40.Nxe4 R7f5+-]
39...bxa4 40.Bxa4
[40.Bxe4+ Bxe4 41.Nxe4 R7f5=]
40...h4

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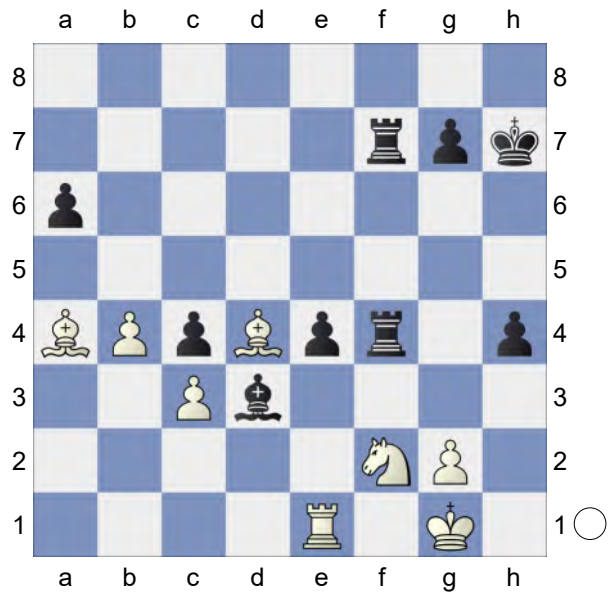
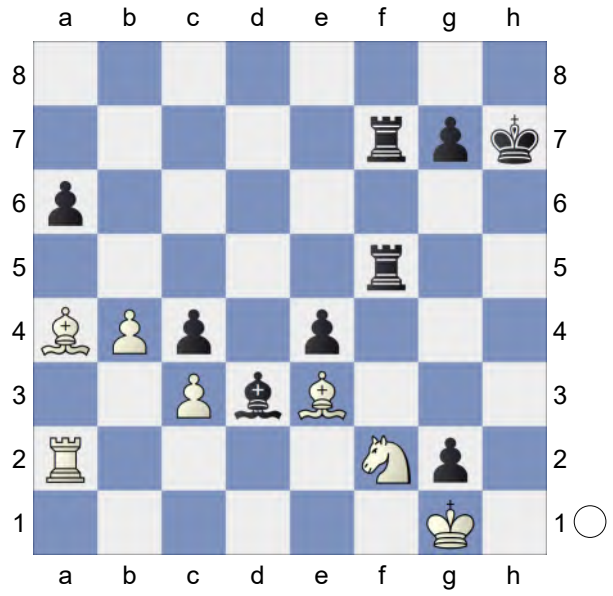
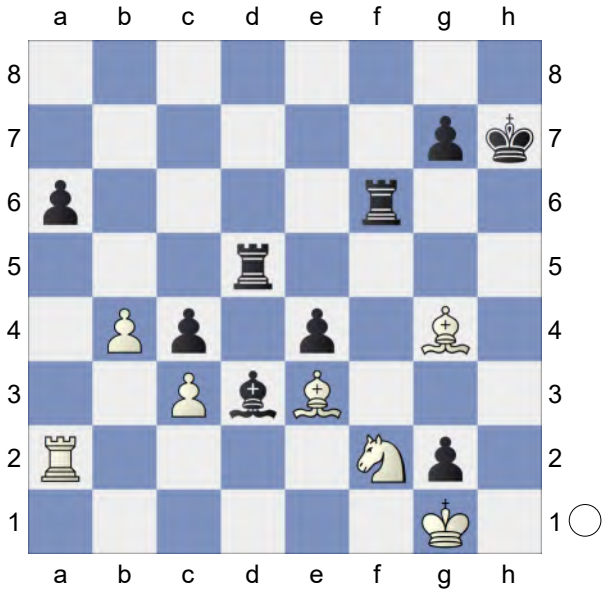


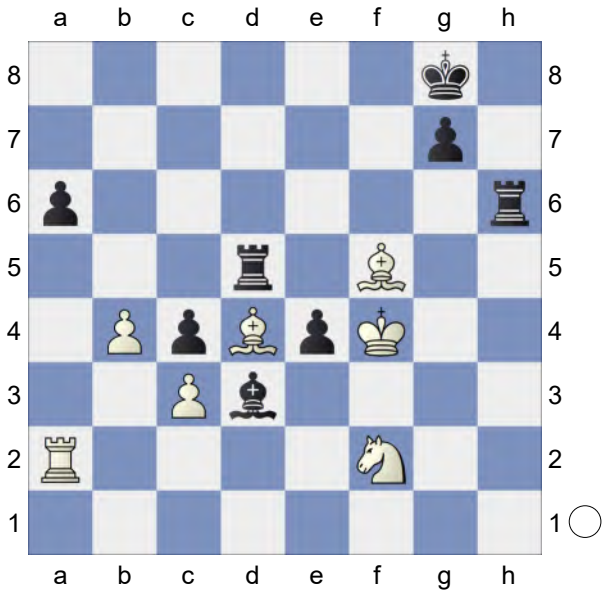
41.Be3 R4f5 42.Ra1
[42.Bc6 R7f6 43.Bb7 *(43.Bxe4 Bxe4 44.Nxe4 Re6±)* 43...Rb5 44.Bxe4+ Bxe4 45.Nxe4 Re6+-]
42...h3 43.Ra2
[43.Nxh3?! Rf1+ 44.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 45.Kh2 Re1 46.Ng5+ Kg6 47.Be8+ Kf6±]
[43.gxh3 Rf3 44.Nxd3 cxd3-+ *(44...exd3 45.Bd4=)*]
43...hxg2



44.Bd1 Prevents Rf3. **44...R7f6** 2.32/23
[44...R5f6 1.71/20 45.Bh5 *(45.Kxg2 Re6±)* 45...Rf8]
45.Bg4!
[45.Kxg2 Rg6+ 46.Kh2 Bb1]
45...Rd5

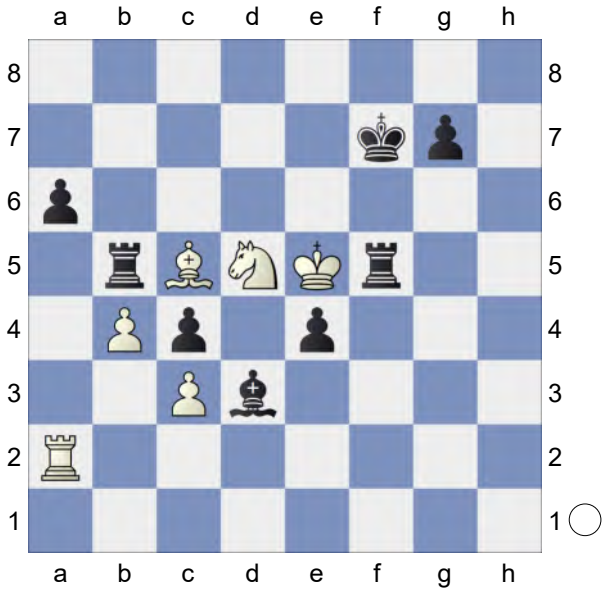


46.Kxg2 Rg6 47.Kg3 Bf1 48.Bd4
[48.Nxe4 Re5 49.Ng5+ Rgxg5 50.Bxg5 Rxg5±]
48...Bd3 49.Kf4 Kg8 50.Bf5
This pair of bishops is nice.
[50.Nxe4 Rxg4+ 51.Kxg4 Bxe4±]
50...Rh6



51.Ng4
[51.Bxe4 Rh4+ 52.Ke3 Bxe4+-]

51...Rhd6 52.Ne3
[52.Bxe4 Bxe4 53.Kxe4 Rh5+-]
52...Rb5 53.Bc5
[53.Bxe4 Bxe4 54.Kxe4 Re6+ 55.Kf4 Kh7 56.Rh2+ *(56.Nxc4 g5+ 57.Kg3 Kg6+-)* 56...Rh6 57.Rxh6+ Kxh6 58.Nxc4 g5+ 59.Kg4 Rd5+-]
53...Rf6 54.Ke5 Kf7 55.Nd5
[55.Bxe4 Re6+ 56.Kd5 Bxe4+∓ *(56...Rxe4 57.Nf5=)*]
55...Rxf5+



56.Kxf5 e3+ 57.Ke5 e2 58.Bf2
[58.Rxa6? e1Q+ 59.Kf4 Qe4+ 60.Kg3 Qxd5-+]
58...Rb8 59.Be1
[59.Rxa6 Re8+ 60.Kd4 e1Q 61.Bxe1 Rxe1 62.Ra7+ Kg6]
59...Re8+ 60.Kf4 g5+

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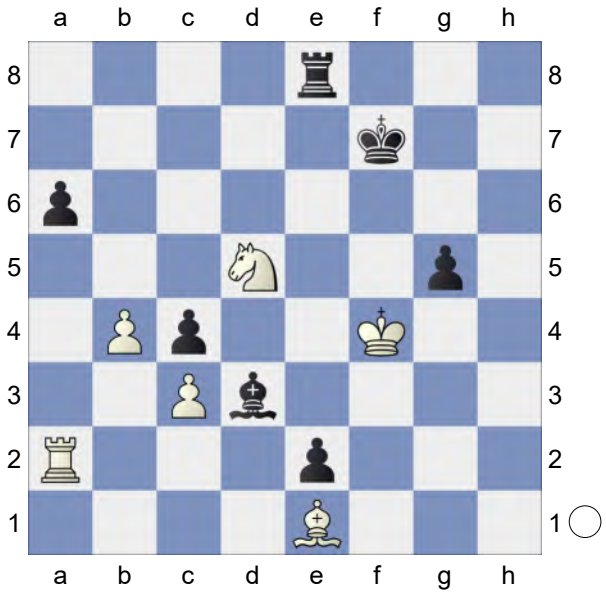
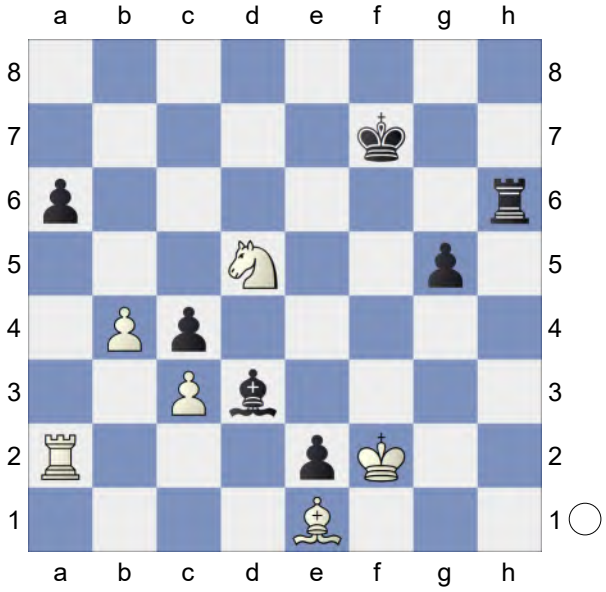


61.Kg3
[61.Kxg5 Re5+ 62.Kf4 Rxd5∓]
61...Re6 2.50/23
[61...Re5± 1.26/24]
62.Kf2 Rh6 63.Ke3 Re6+ 64.Kf2 Rh6



65.Ne3! Rf6+ 2.74/23
[65...Rh1 1.89/18 was necessary. 66.Ng2 *(66.Rxa6?* loses. *Rf1+* Deflection *67.Kg3 Rxe1-+)* 66...g4]

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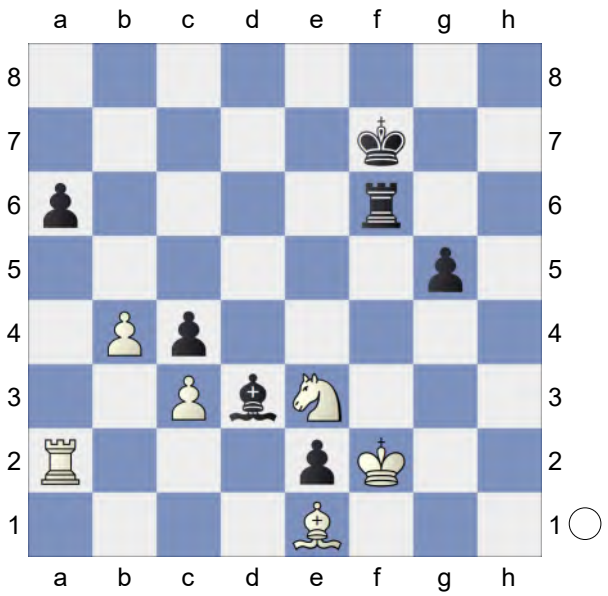
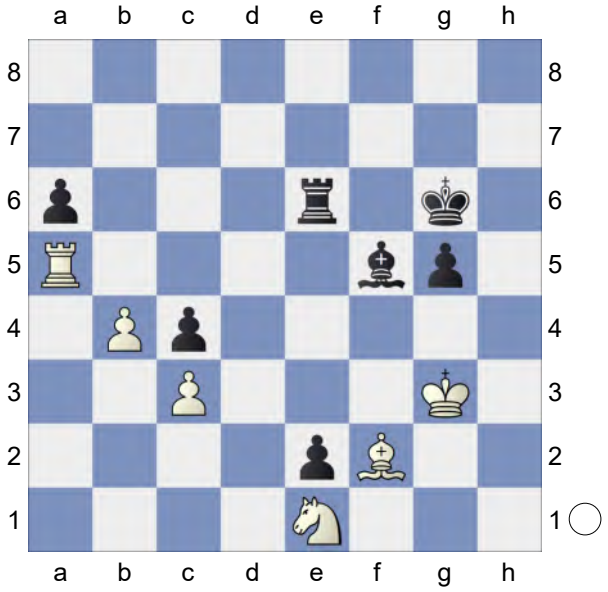
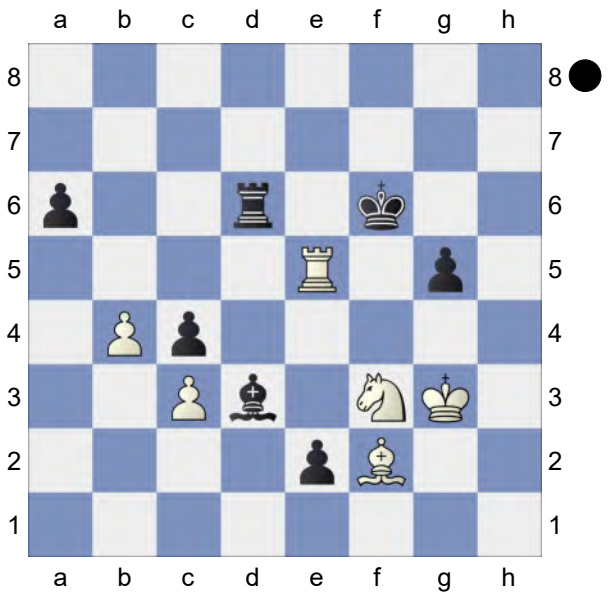


66.Kg3
[But not 66.Kg1? Rf1+ 67.Kh2 Rxe1-+]
66...Rf1 67.Ng2 Rf6 68.Bf2 Kg6 69.Ra5 Re6 70.Ne1 Bf5



71.Nf3 and Rxf5! would now be decisive
71...Rd6 72.Nd4 Bd3 73.Re5 Kf6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
74.Nf3

(Diagram)



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30 **C82**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2750**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2786**
Superbet Classic 2022 (4.4) 08.05.2022
[Giri,Anish]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 Giri, Anish **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

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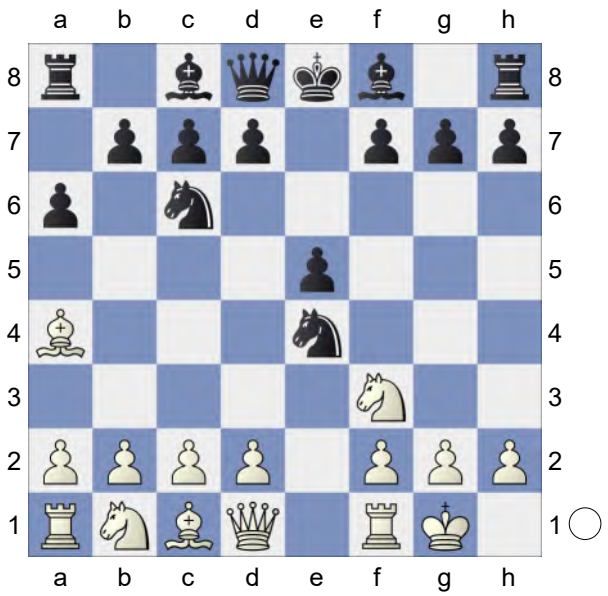
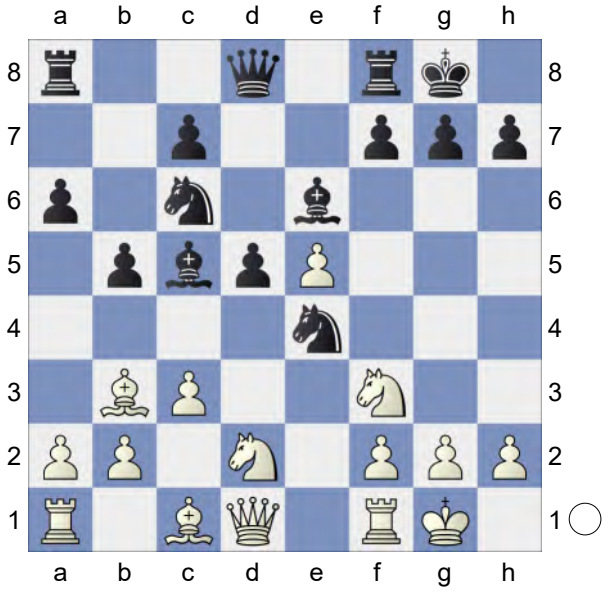
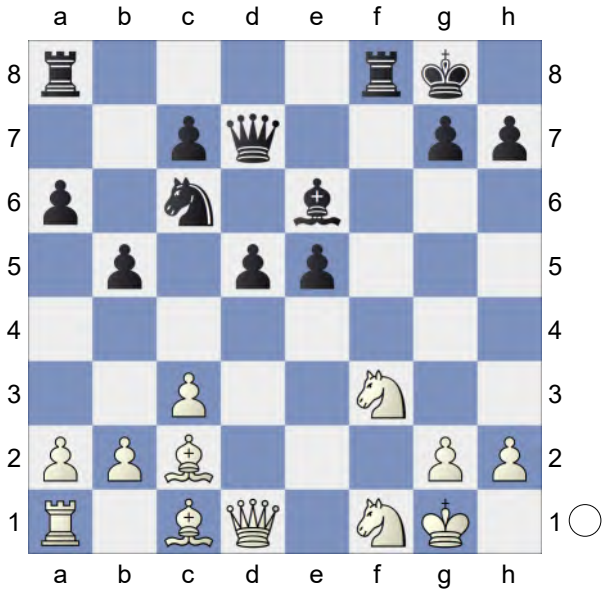


The Open Spanish remains trendy and it is a frequent guest in games of MVL, who is always ready to take it on, with the white pieces. **6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0**



11.Bc2 Nxf2 This old line is experiencing a revival currently. It is just extremely trendy, with Fabiano being on both sides of the theoretical debate. Caruana-Van Foreest from Wijk 2022 comes to mind. **12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2** White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1** This is the modern way of challenging Black's ambitious opening play. White gives up a pawn to get an extra tempo to mobilize their forces. Old main line is the natural 14.exf6. **14...fxe5 15.Kg1 Qd7!?** A minor surprise perhaps. Van Foreest played Qd6 against Fabiano, while many others, including Mamedyarov and Vidit, have tried

[15...Bg4!? Hoping for ...e4. Strongly threatening ...e4. 16.Ne3 Be6! provoking the knight to e3, where it is misplaced. 17.b3 *(17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6 26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 Qg6 31.Qxg6+ Kxg6* 1-0 (58) Vachier Lagrave,M (2722)-Deac,B (2668) Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (15.3)*)* 17...d4 18.Qd3 g6 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Bb2 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Rxf3 22.Qe2 Qg5+ 23.Ng2 Raf8 24.h4 Qg3 25.Bxe5 Qg4 26.Re1 Bd5 27.Bd1 Qf5 28.Bd4 Rg3 29.Bc2 Qd7 0-1 Gazi,M (2759)-4.♘f3 bc4 5. ♘ c3 d6 6.e4_4 (2726) Kecskemet Gruppe A 1927 (6.2)]



16.Bg5N 0.06/20 White has compensation .The standard way to develop, White throws out the bishop, heading towards h4-g3 where it will not obstruct his other pieces.

[16.a4± 0.53/18 Kh8 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qh5 g5 21.Bxg5 Kg8 22.Bf6 Nc4 23.Qg5+ Kf8 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Bd4 Nd6 26.Qf6 Rf8 27.Qe5 Kf7 28.Ne3 Ke8 29.Nxd5 Kd8 30.Nf6 Qf7 ½-½ (54) Huschenbeth,N (2611)-Grandelius,N (2663) Bundesliga 2122 2022 (14.7) 31.Qg5 ½-½ (54) Huschenbeth,N (2611)-Grandelius,N (2663) Bundesliga 2122 2022 (14.7)]

16...Rae8 0.51/20 Black is mobilizing as well. At some point he will go for some action in the center, but first let's bring the last piece into play.

[16...Kh8!= 0.06/20]

17.Qd2 d4 Action! This push is a typical way to get things going. Black is openign files and diagonals for his pieces, before White gets fully ready for the battle. **18.Ng3?** -0.14/18 The knight gets somewhat in the way of the bishop, though as we will see, exploitnig that is not very easy.

[18.Re1!± 0.41/17 Is advised, bringing the rook into the game and keeping the g3 square for the bishop.]

[18.Re1 0.30/20 should be considered.]

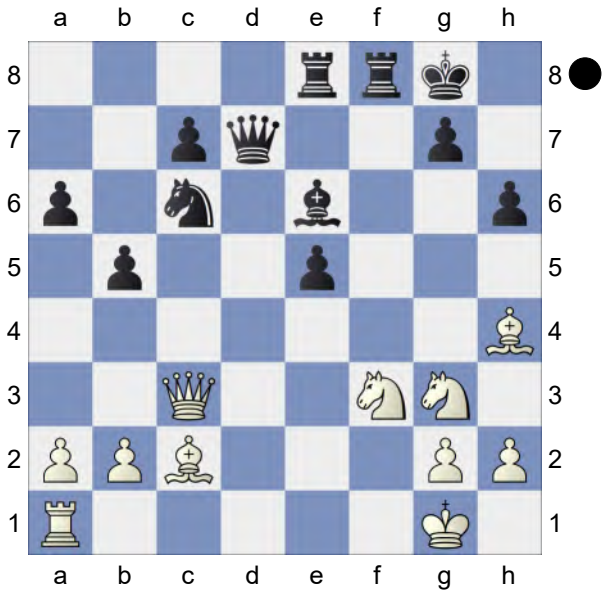
18...h6= Not fearing any ghosts. 19.Bxh6 is not scary, as the queen is there to defend the 7th rank, while 19.Qd3 is well met with 19...Bf5! 20.Nxf5 e4.

19.Bh4

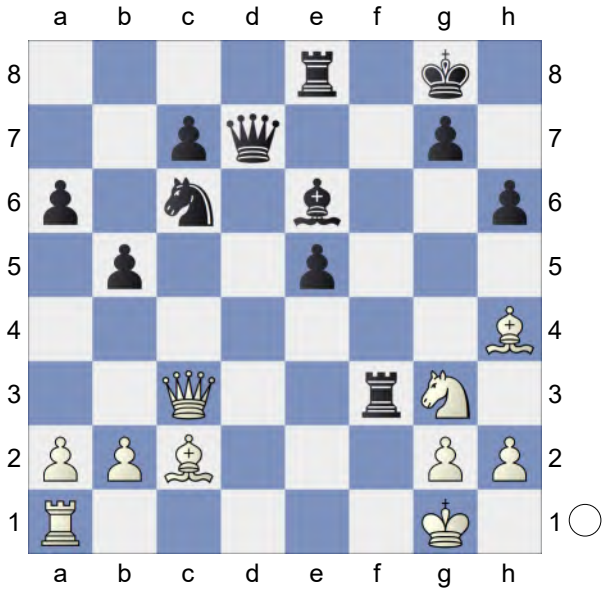
[19.Qd3? -2.10/25 19.Bh4 -0.05 19.Bh4 -0.46 Bf5! 20.Nxf5 e4!]

19...dxc3! Start of some concrete action.

20.Qxc3



And here, feeling that there has to be something concrete, Fabiano miscalculates. **20...Rxf3??** 1.28/25



I assume Fabi missed that after 21.gxf3 Nd4 22.Bd1! is strong, with the idea that 22...g5 now no longer traps the bishop because of 23.Ne4! intermezzo, threatening Nf6+. Because of this important motive, the whole exchange sac just doesn't work and Black ends up down a piece. Instead, the right way to start the action was Nd4 idea, best executed with 20...b4! included.

Black is on the road to losing. **21.gxf3→** White goes for the king.

[21.Qxf3? Nd4 22.Qd3 Nxc2 23.Qxc2 Qd4+ 24.Kh1 Qxh4 25.Qxc7 Qd4∓ *(25...Bf7-+)*]

21...Nd4 Prevents Nf5 **22.Bd1** Actually the game could still have been exciting, had Maxime showed some weakness, but his conversion was absolutely impeccable. **22...Rf8** 1.70/21 Fabi plays on. He does have 2 pawns and White king is a little weak potentially.

[22...g5 2.68/21 22...Bc4 1.26 22...Bd5 1.23 23.Ne4! is the crucial motif.]

[22...Bd5± 1.30/22]

23.Ne4+- Bc4 2.13/21

[23...Bd5± 1.42/20 24.Nd2 c6]

24.Kg2 Wards off Qh3+ **24...Rf4** Black is bringing pieces forward, but Maxime shows accuracy. **25.Be1** Not 25.Bg3?? because of 25...Qh3+!! with mate to follow on f1 square.

[25.Bg3?? -8.31/19 25.Be1 1.63 25.Be1 1.83 Qh3+! 26.Kxh3 Bf1#]

25...Qf5 2.28/20

[⌓25...c5 1.63/18 keeps fighting. 26.Nd2 *(26.Nxc5 Qf5=; 26.b4 cxb4)* 26...Rf7]

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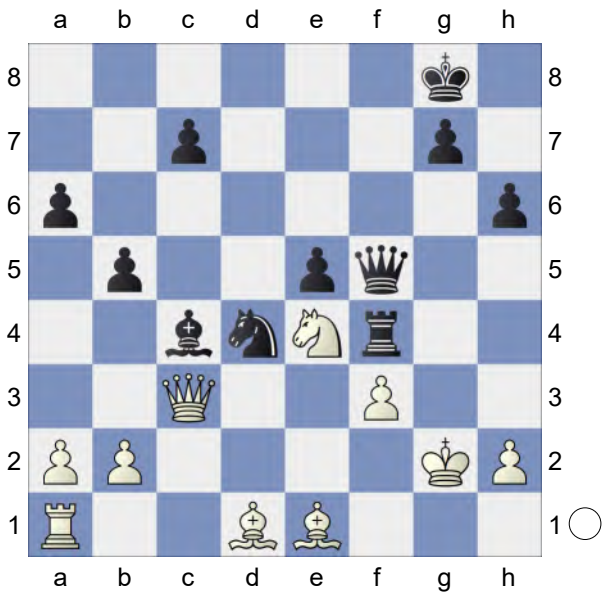
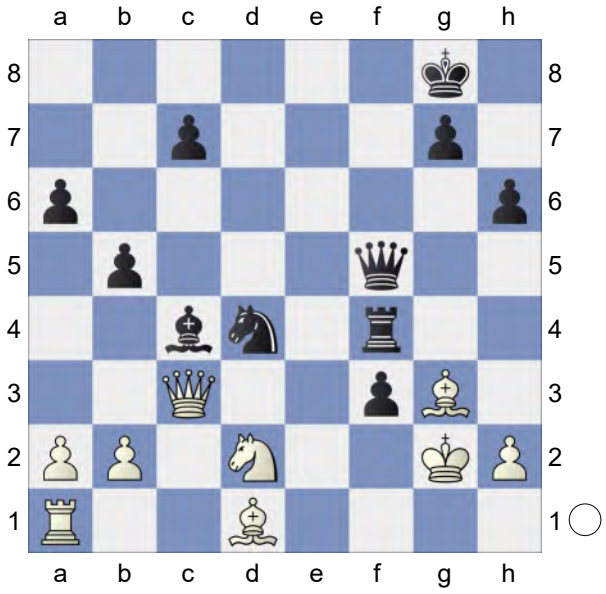


26.Nd2!+- Very precise play by Maxime. He is withdrawing first, making sure the king is safe and f3 pawn is secured. Bg3 will come next. **26...e4** **27.Bg3!** Again accurate. The pawn on f3 will be a great shield for the White king, no matter its color.

[27.Qxd4? exf3+ 28.Bxf3 Rxd4-+]

27...exf3+



28.Kf2! King is safe here. Black's play ran out of steam and the rest is easy conversion for MVL.

[28.Nxf3

A) 28...Qh3+ 29.Kf2 Qf1+ 30.Ke3 b4-+ *(30...Nxf3? 31.Bxf4 c6 32.b3+-)*;
B) 28...Rxf3 29.Qxd4 *(29.Bxf3? Nxf3-+)* 29...Rf1-+]
[28.Bxf3 Rxf3 29.Qxd4 *(29.Nxf3? Nxf3 30.Bf2 Bd5-+)* 29...Bd5∓ *(29...Rd3 30.Qf4=)*]

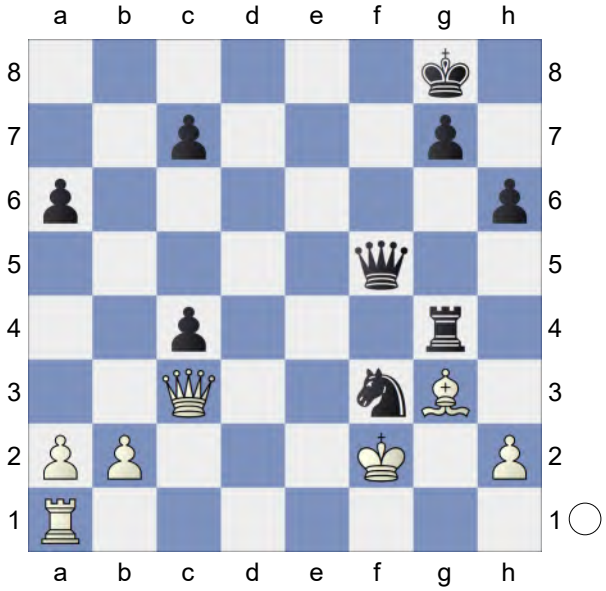
28...Rg4 29.Nxc4

[29.Bxf3 Bd5 30.h3 *(30.Bxc7? Nxf3 31.Nxf3 Rc4-+)* 30...Bxf3
A) 31.Nxf3? Rxg3 Discovered Attack, Decoy 32.Kxg3 Ne2+ 33.Kg2 *(33.Kf2 Nxc3-+)* 33...Nxc3-+;
B) 31.hxg4 Bxg4+ 32.Kg2 Qd5+ 33.Kf2 Qf5+ 34.Kg2 Qd5+ 35.Kf2 Qf5+=]
[29.Nxf3 Re4 30.a4 *(30.Bxc7? Be2-+; 30.Rc1 Be2∓)* 30...Be2 31.Bb3+ *(31.Bxc7? b4-+)* 31...Kh7 32.axb5 *(32.Bd1? b4-+* Deflection*)* 32...Bxf3-+ *(32...Qxf3+? 33.Qxf3 Bxf3 34.Bc4+-)*]
[29.h3 Rxg3
A) 30.Kxg3 Qg5+ 31.Kf2 Qh4+ 32.Ke3 Nf5+ 33.Kxf3 Qg3+ 34.Ke4 Nd6+ 35.Kd4 Qf4+ 36.Kc5 Nb7+ 37.Kc6 Nd8+ 38.Kd7 Be6+ 39.Kxd8 Qd6+ 40.Ke8 Qf8#;
B) 30.Nxc4 Rg2+ *(30...Rxh3? 31.Qxd4 Qg5 32.Ne5∓)* 31.Ke3 f2-+;
C) 30.Qxd4 Rg2+ *(30...Rxh3 31.Bxf3 Rh2+ 32.Ke1∓; 30...Qxh3? 31.Qd8+ Kh7 32.Bc2+ Rg6 33.Bxg6+ Kxg6 34.Rg1+ Kh7 35.Qxc7+-)* 31.Ke3 Qg5+ *(31...Qxh3 32.Qd8+ Kh7 33.Bc2+ g6 34.Qxc7+ Kh8 35.Qb8+ Kh7 36.Qa7+ Kh8 37.Qb8+ Kh7 38.Qb7+ Kh8 39.Qb8+=)* 32.Qf4 Qc5+ 33.Qd4 Qxd4+ 34.Kxd4 Rxd2+-+]

29...bxc4 30.Bxf3

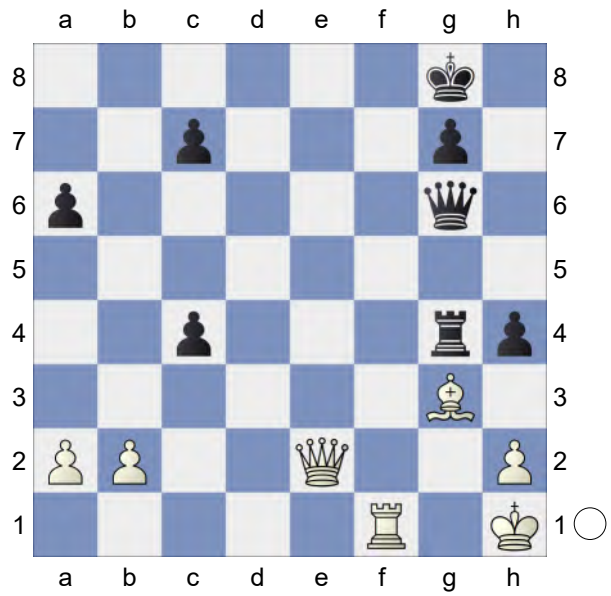
[30.Bxc7? loses. perishes. Rg2+ 31.Ke3 Nc2+ 32.Bxc2 Rxc2-+]
[Don't take Don't play 30.Qxc4+?! Kh8+- 31.Qxc7 *(31.Bxc7? Rg2+ 32.Ke3 f2-+)* 31...Re4+-]

30...Nxf3

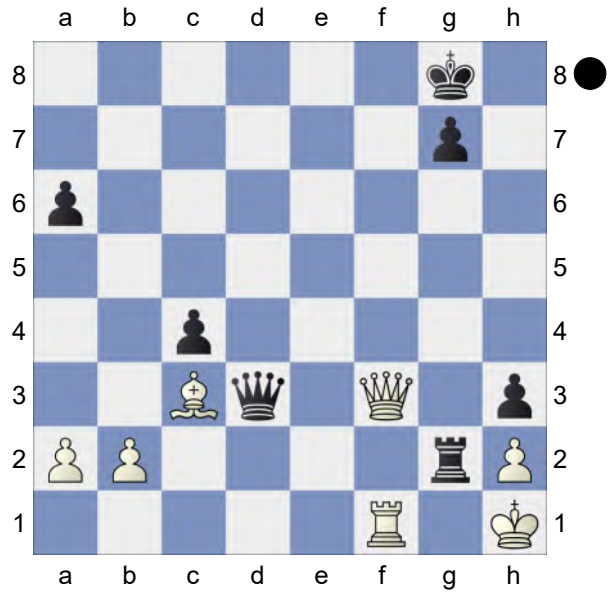


31.Qxf3 Qc2+ 32.Qe2 Qf5+ 33.Kg1 White is just up a bishop. Black's 2 pawns play no role here, given his unfortunate pawn structure. **33...h5 34.Rf1 Qg6** Dodges Qe8+ Against Qe8+ **35.Kh1 h4**

(Diagram)



36.Bxc7 h3 37.Qf3 Qd3? 4.26/22
[37...Rg5 2.55/20
A) 38.Qxh3 Qc6+ 39.Rf3 c3+- *(39...Qd5+-)*;
B) 38.Bg3 Rb5+-;
C) 38.Bf4 Rb5 39.Qxh3 Rxb2]
38.Be5 Rg2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.32
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
39.Bc3



A game that was decided by a blunder, but Maxime did rise to the occasion, when given a chance.
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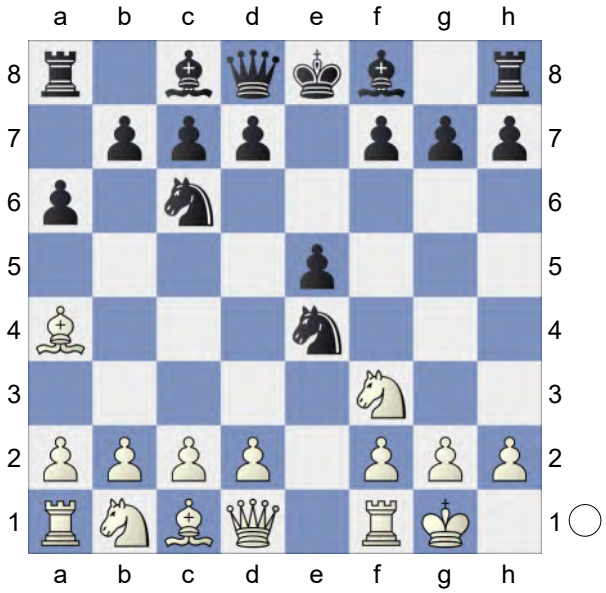
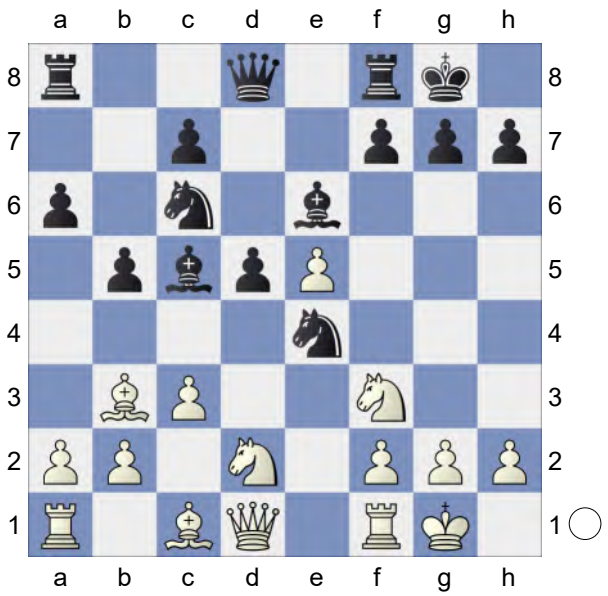
31 **C82**
□ **Weiawaga** **2567**
■ **Duchessai** **2638**
Classical 01.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 40min
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

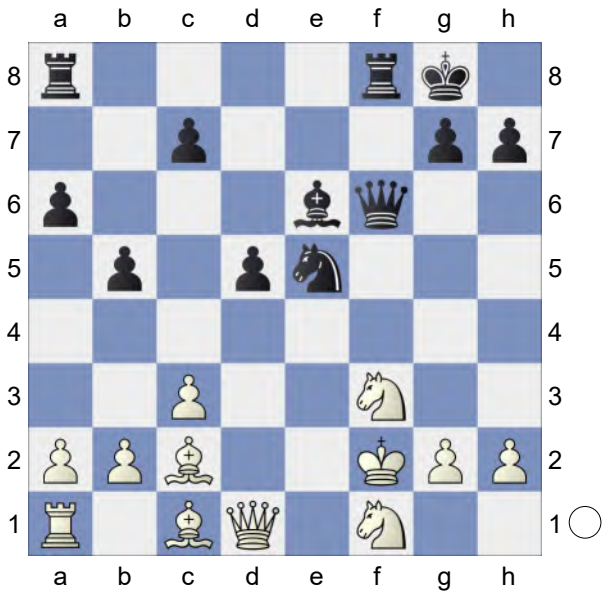


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

(Diagram)



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

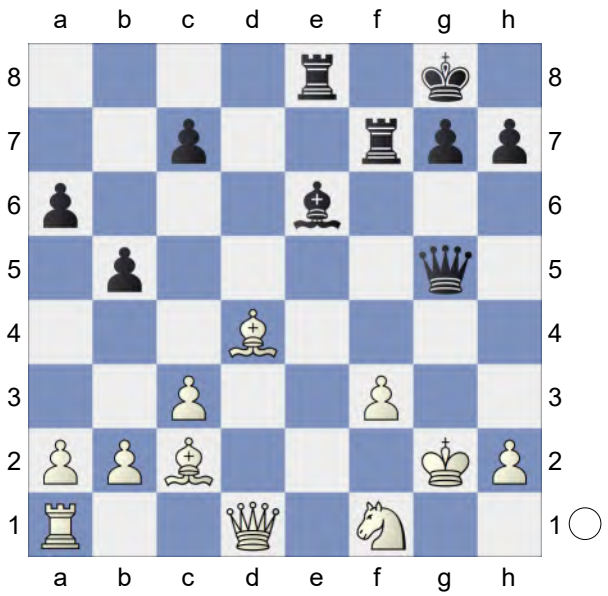


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 Nxf3! 18.gxf3 Rf7 Chess con chili. **19.Kg2 d4** The position is equal. **20.Bxd4** This pair of bishops is nice.

[20.Qxd4? Qxf3+ 21.Kg1 Bd5-+]

20...Qg5+

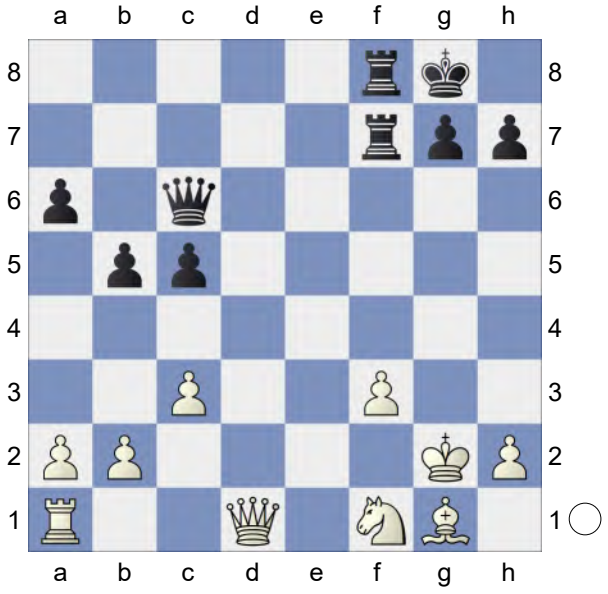
(Diagram)



21.Kh1

[21.Ng3 keeps more tension. c5 22.Bf2 Rxf3 23.Be4]

21...Bd5 22.Bb3! c5 23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Bg1 Qc6→ Black has some attack. **25.Kg2 Ref8**



26.Nd2N

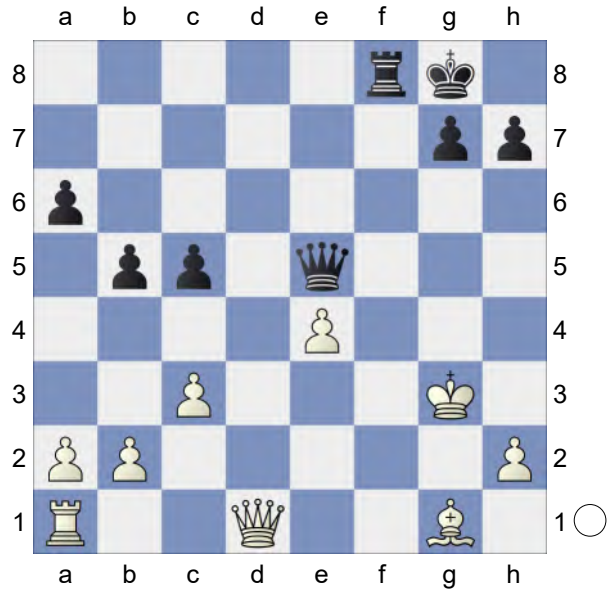
[26.Ne3 Rd7 27.Qe2 Rd2 0-1 Flores,D-Papp,G World Junior Championship, Athens 2001]

26...Re7 Against Qe2 Now White is beyond hope. **27.Ne4?** -2.98/19

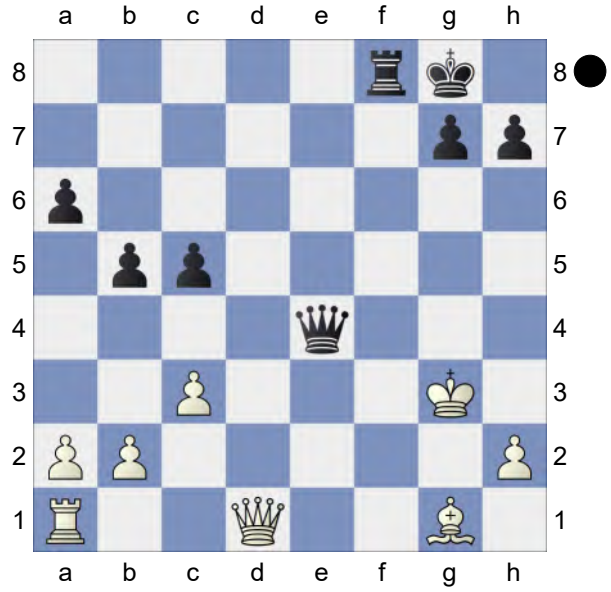
[27.b4= -0.06/21 and White stays

safe. Rfe8 28.Ne4 *(28.bxc5? Re2+ 29.Kh1 Qg6-+)*]

27...Rxe4!-+ 28.fxe4 Qg6+ 29.Kh3 Qe6+ 30.Kg3 Qe5+



31.Kg2 Qxe4+ 32.Kg3



Qg6+! 33.Qg4 Qd6+ 34.Kh3 Qc6 35.Kg3 Qc7+

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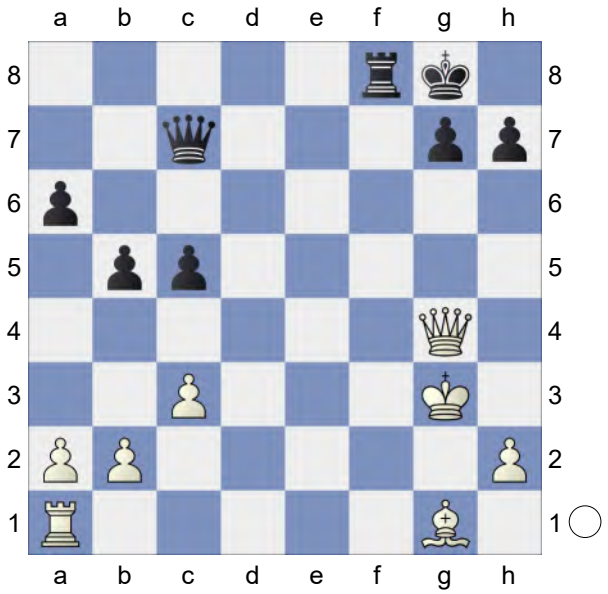
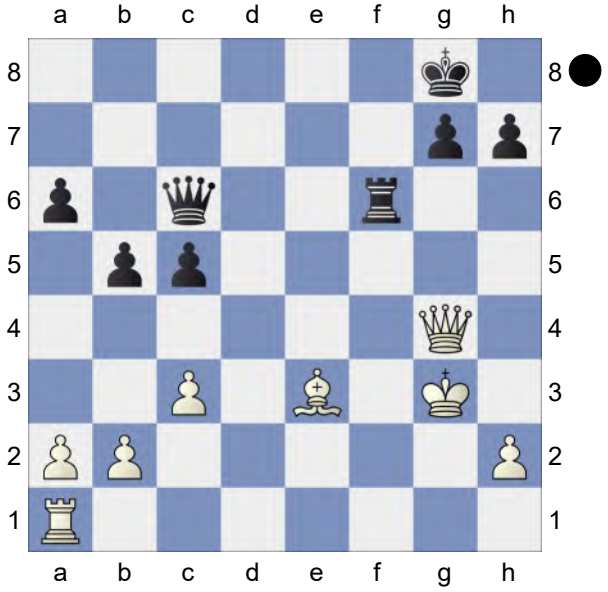


36.Kh3 Qc6 Dodges Qe6+ **37.Kg3 Rf6 38.Be3**



Qe8!

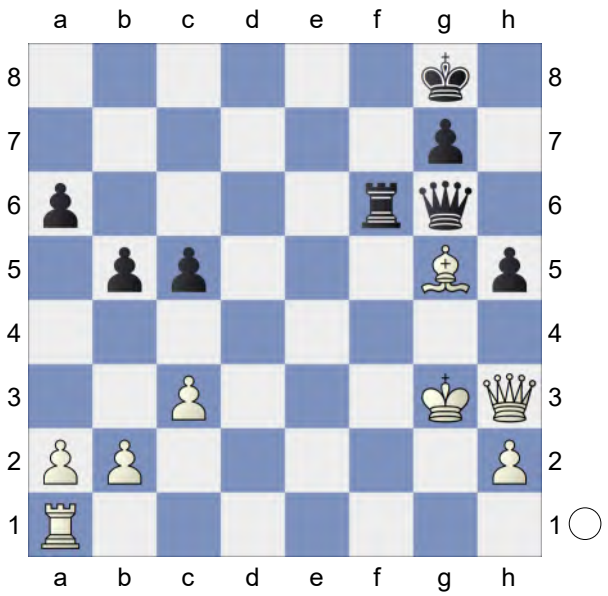
[38...Rg6 39.Bg5∓]

39.Bg5

[39.Bxc5 h5 *(39...Qe5+? 40.Kh3-+; 39...Rg6? 40.Bd4-+)* 40.Qg5 Rg6-+]

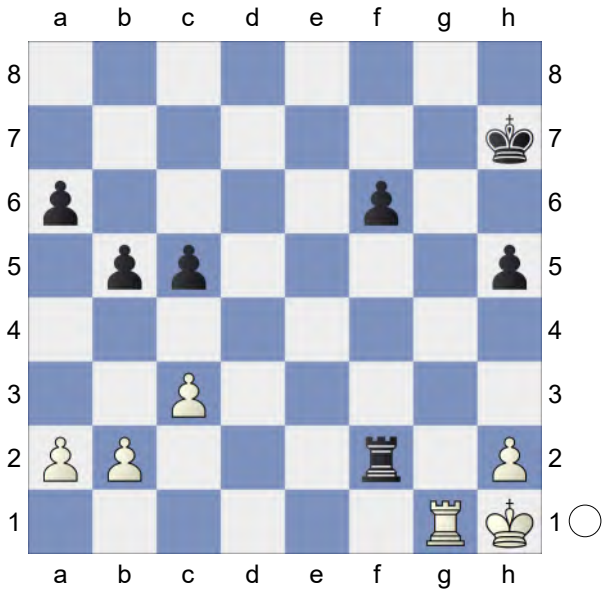
39...h5 40.Qh3 Qg6

(Diagram)



41.Kg2 Qg3 is the strong threat. **41...Qxg5+** Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **42.Kh1 Rf2 43.Qe6+ Kh7 44.Rg1** Prevents Qg2+ **44...Qf6 45.Qxf6 gxf6**

[Less strong is 45...Rxf6 46.Rg5∓]



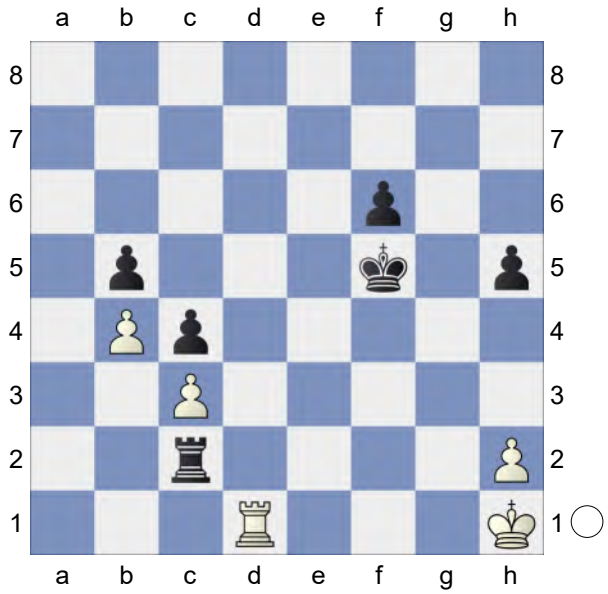
KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **46.Rb1 Rc2 47.a4 Kg6**

[47...bxa4? 48.Ra1-+]

48.axb5 axb5 49.b4 c4

[49...Rxc3? 50.bxc5 Rxc5 51.Kg2-+]

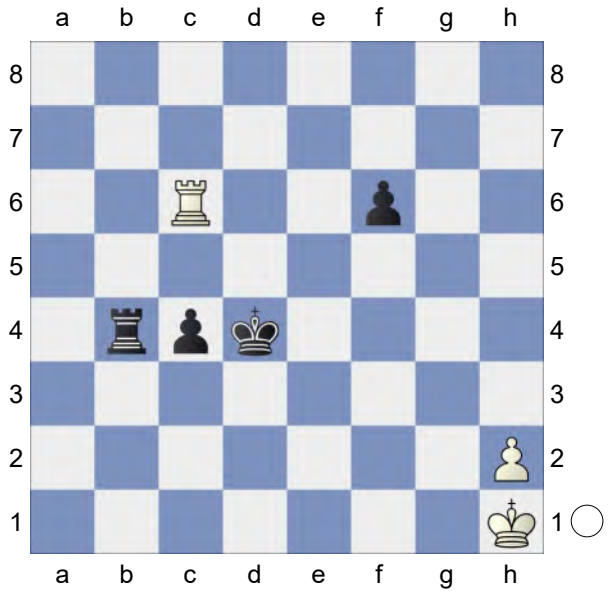
50.Rd1 Kf5



51.Rd5+ Ke4 52.Rxb5 Rxc3 53.Rxh5 Rb3 and ...c3! would now be decisive **54.Rc5 Kd4**

[54...Rxb4? 55.Rc6-+]

55.Rc6 Rxb4



56.h3 c3 57.Kg2 Rc4 58.Rxf6 c2 Black mates. **59.Rf4+ Kd5 60.Rf1 c1Q**

[Not 60...c1B 61.Kf3=]

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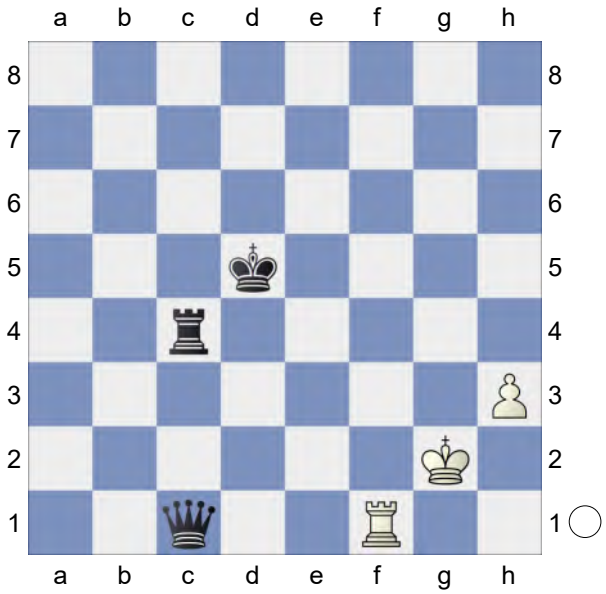
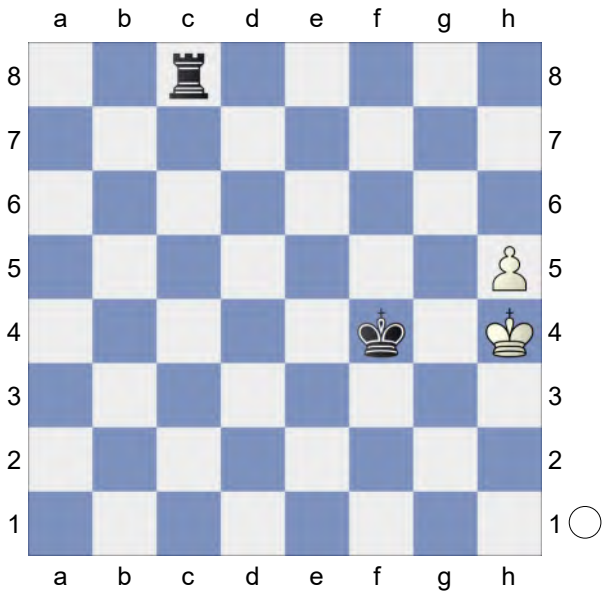


61.Rxc1 Rxc1 KR-KP **62.h4 Ke4 63.h5 Rc2+ 64.Kg3 Rc8 65.Kh4 Kf4**



66.h6 Rh8 67.Kh5 Kf5 68.Kh4 Rxh6+ KR-K **69.Kg3 Re6 70.Kf3 Kg5**

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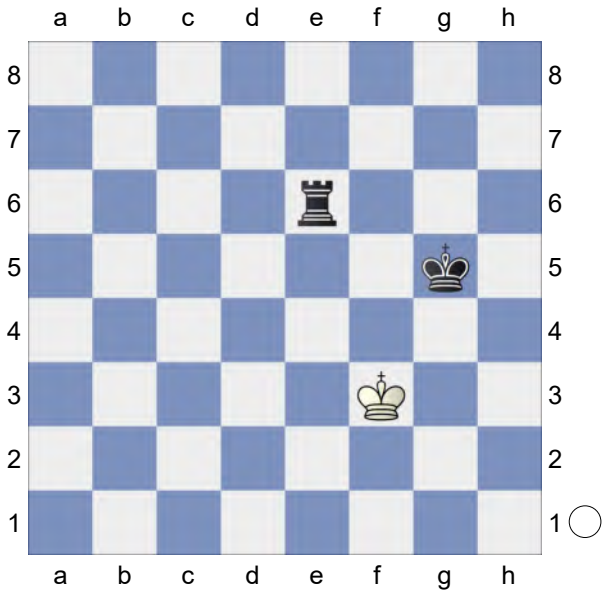

71.Kg3 Rf6 72.Kh2 Kg4 73.Kh1 Kg3 74.Kg1 Rf7 75.Kh1

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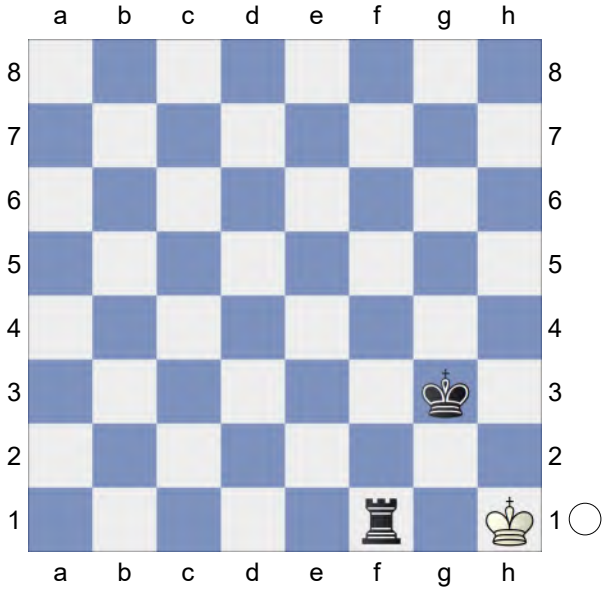
75...Rf1#



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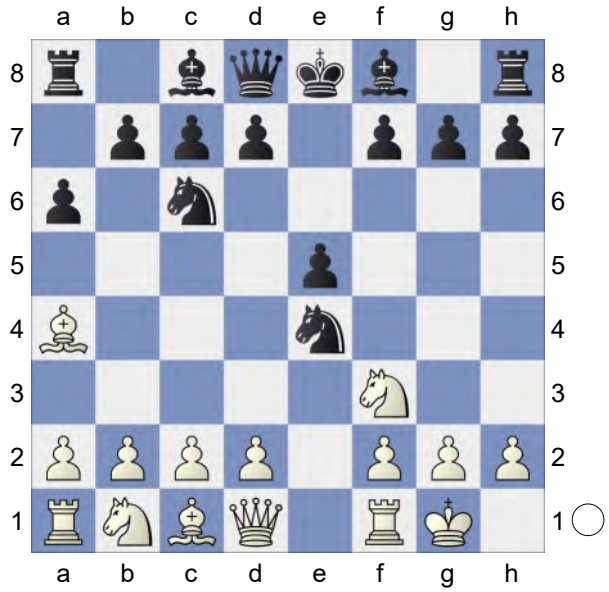
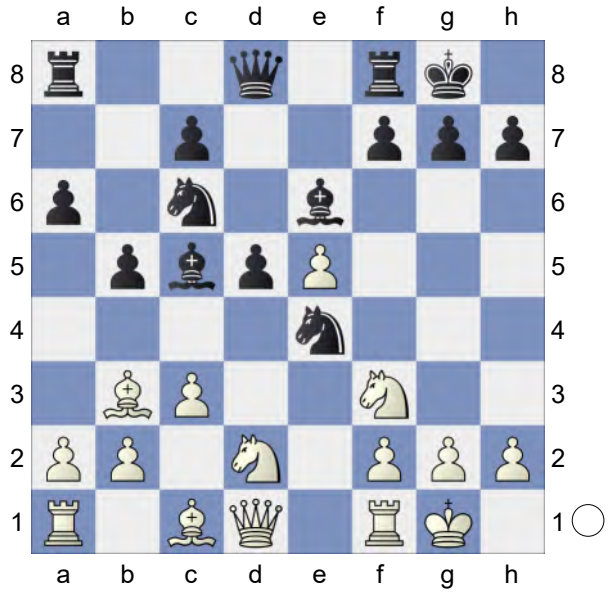
32 **C82**
□ **Masikskai** **2601**
■ **Weerasekara** **2576**
Rapid 24.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

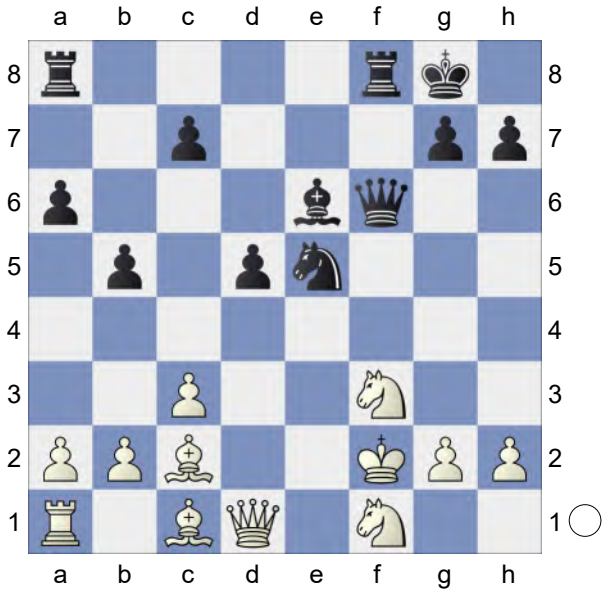
Blitz 10min
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



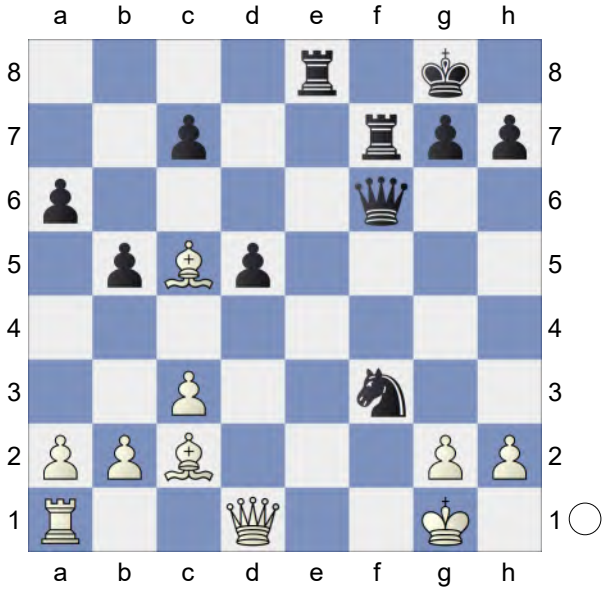
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

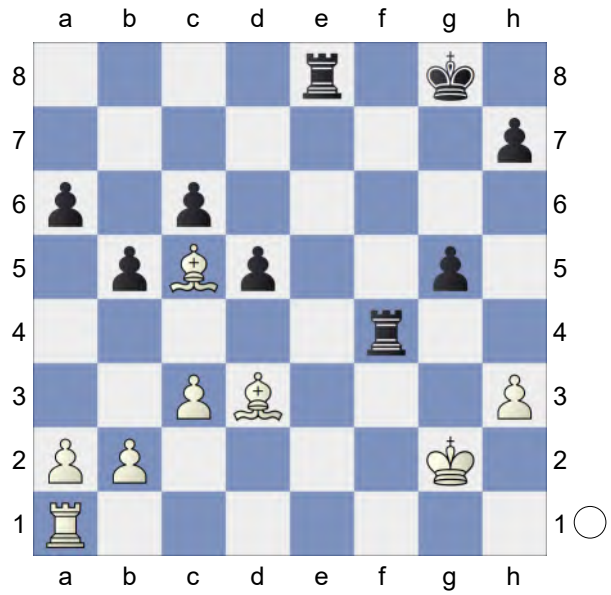


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 This pair of bishops is nice. **17...Rf7 18.N1d2 Bg4 19.Kg1 Bxf3** 0.86/21
[19...Nc4!± 0.32/19]
20.Nxf3± Nxf3+

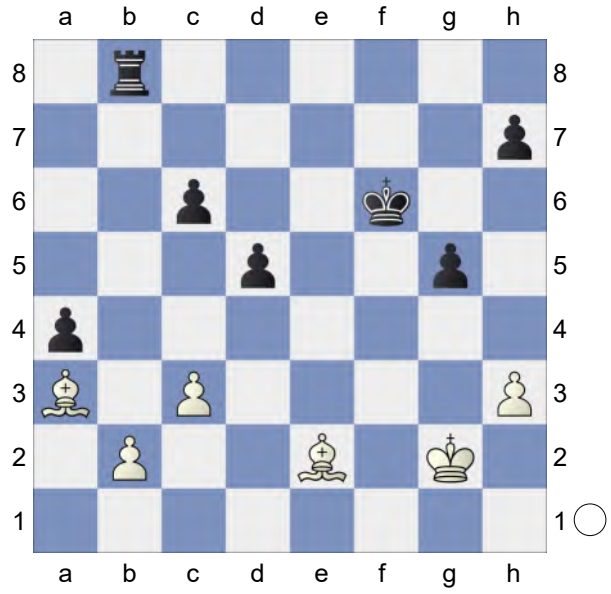


21.Qxf3 -0.07/22
[21.gxf3± 0.86/21 Qg5+ 22.Kh1]
21...Qxf3
[21...Qc6!? 22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.Qxf7 Qxc5+ 24.Kh1 Rf8 25.Qh5+ Kg8∓]
22.gxf3 Hoping for Kf2. **22...Rxf3**

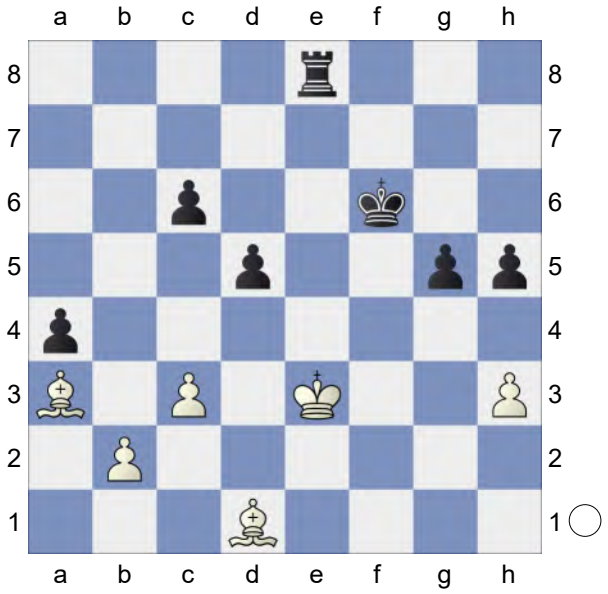
1.06/21
[22...Re2!= 0.00/21 23.Bd3 *(23.Bb3 c6=)* 23...Rxb2]
23.Kg2 Rf4 24.Bd3 Prevents Re2+
24...g5N 25.h3 c6



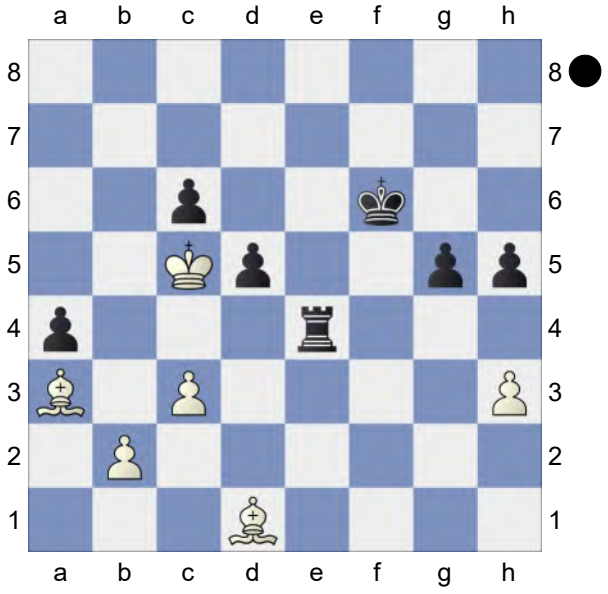
26.a4 0.30/22 **Rxa4= 27.Rxa4** 0.00/22
[Better is 27.Rf1± 0.52/20]
27...bxa4 28.Bxa6 Rb8 29.Ba3 Kf7 30.Be2 Kf6



31.Bd1 White has compensation.
31...Ra8 32.Kf3 h5 33.Ke3 Re8+ 0.75/21
[33...Kg6= 0.12/23 keeps the balance.]



34.Kd4? -0.82/22
[34.Kf2!± 0.75/21 keeps the pressure on.]
34...Re4+∓ 35.Kc5



Rc4+ 0.00/27
[35...Rh4!∓ -0.98/23]

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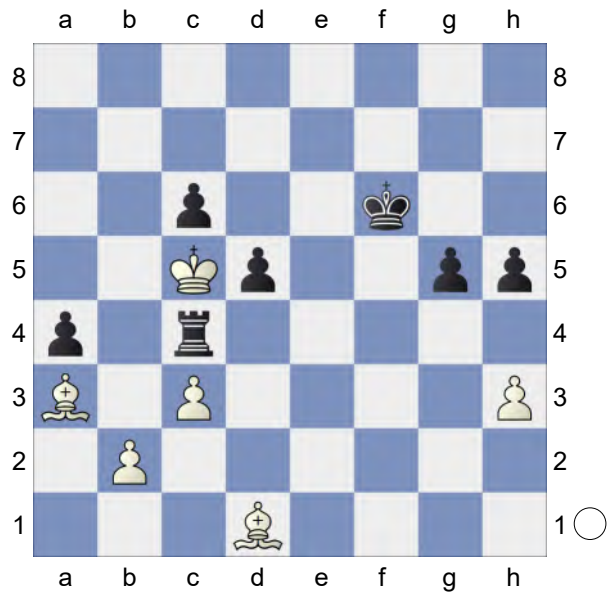


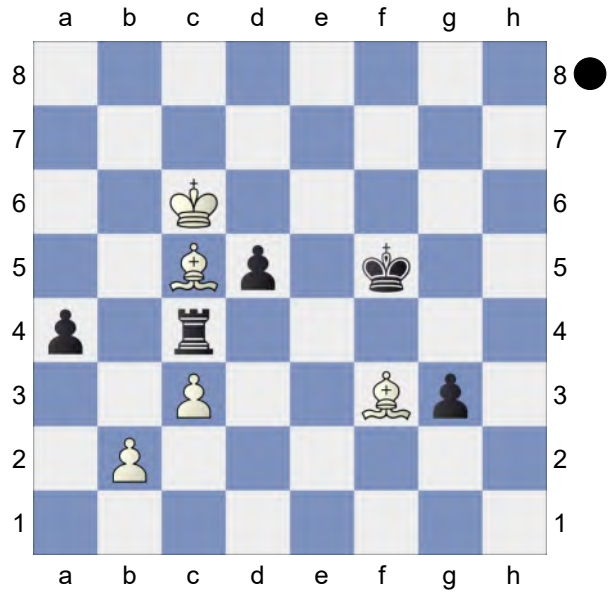
36.Kd6= The position is equal. **36...g4 37.hxg4 hxg4** Strongly threatening ... g3. **38.Bc5**

[38.Bxg4 simplifies Rxg4 39.Kxc6 Ke5 40.Kb5]

38...g3 39.Bf3!

[39.Kxc6? perishes. g2 40.Bxa4 g1Q-+ *(40...g1R 41.Kxd5 Rxc5+ 42.Kxc5∓)*]

39...Kf5 40.Kxc6



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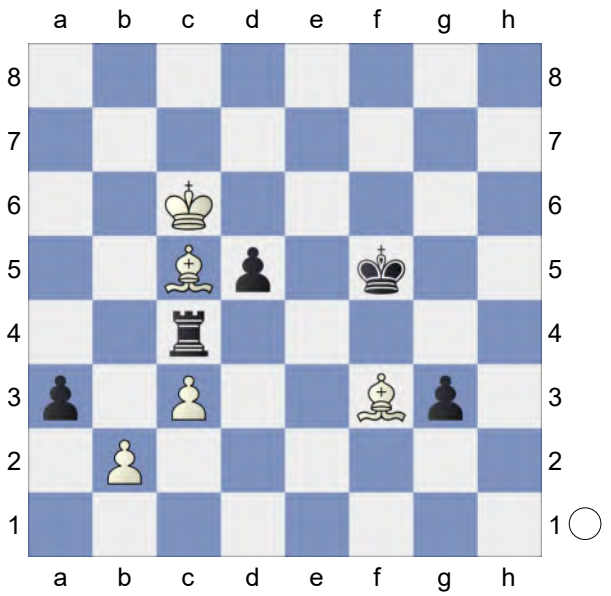
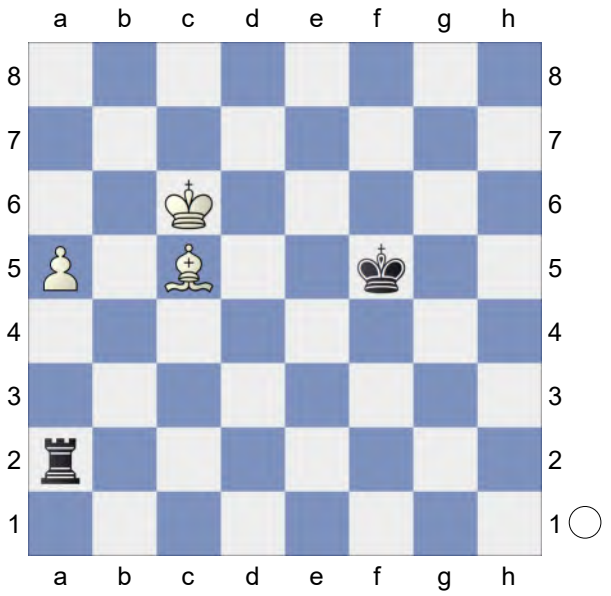


Deflection **41.bxa3 Rxc3 42.Bxd5 Rc2 43.a4 g2 44.Bxg2 Rxg2 45.a5 Ra2**



46.Bb6 Ke6 47.Kb7 Kd7 48.a6 Rxa6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)

49.Kxa6

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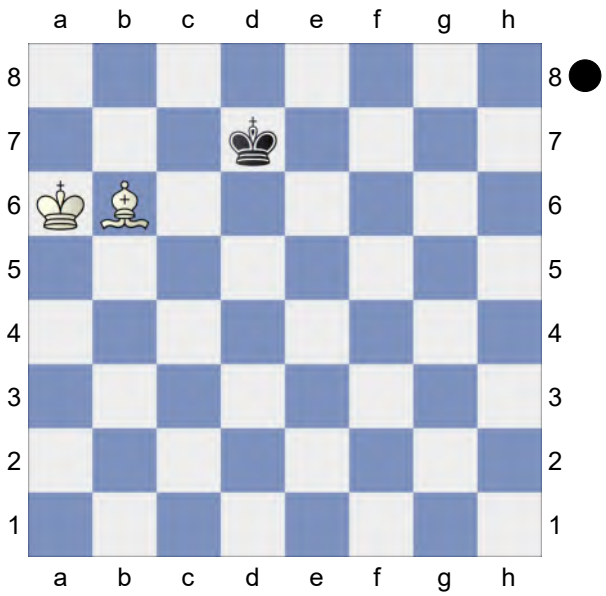

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33 **C82**
□ **Vistagausta** **2869**
■ **Eddiemarsalla** **2699**
Blitz 03.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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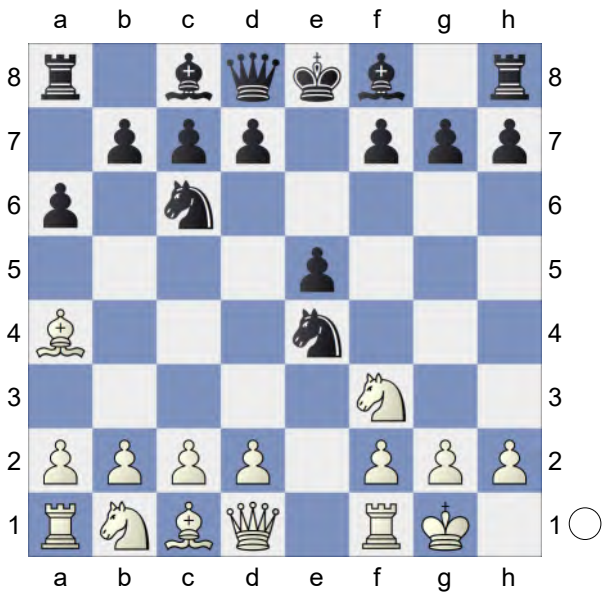
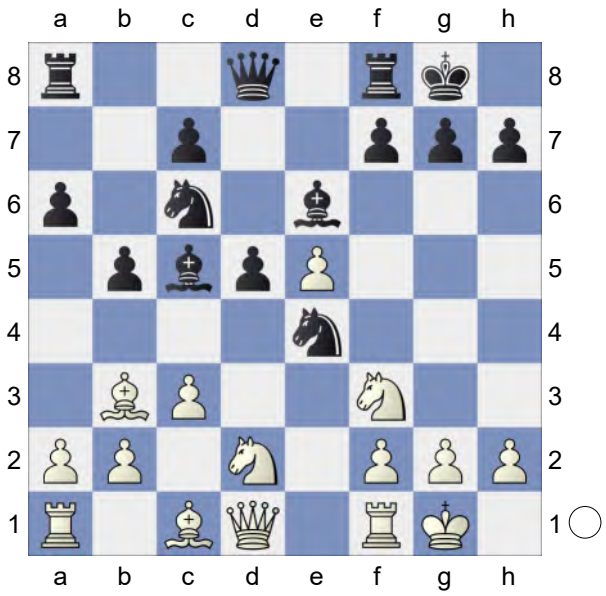


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.c3 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nb3 -0.30/21
[15.Nf1!± 0.37/20]
15...Ne5 0.64/19
[Better is 15...Rae8= -0.30/21]

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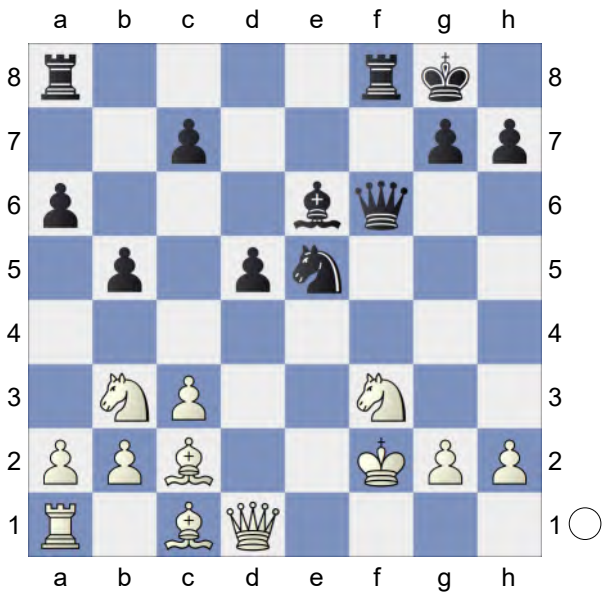
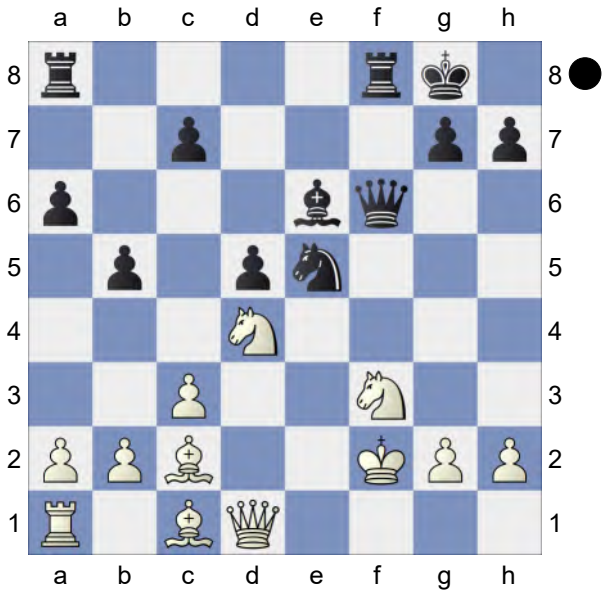
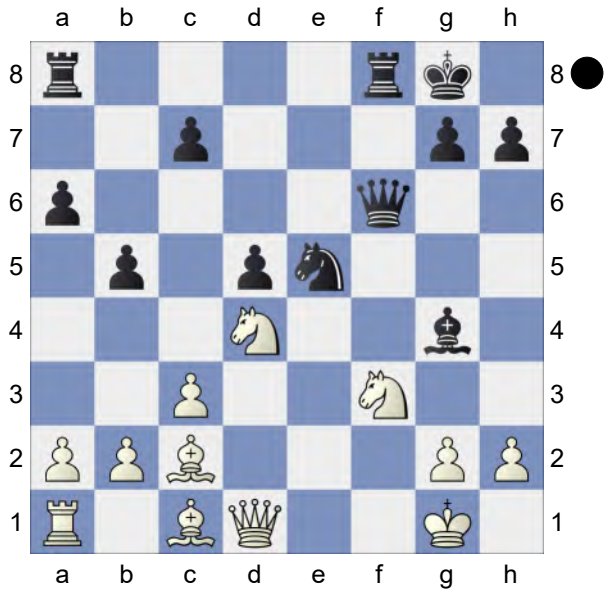


16.Nbd4? -1.42/18
[Don't blunder 16.Bg5? Qxg5 17.Nbd4 Bg4-+]
[16.Kg1!± 0.64/19 was the only good move. Rae8 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 Bh3 21.Nd2 Rf6 22.Re1 Rxe1+ 23.Bxe1 c6 24.Bh4 Rf7 ½-½ Abdullah,M (2451)-Lusgin,V (2605) It Bled (Slovenia) 1931 (5)]

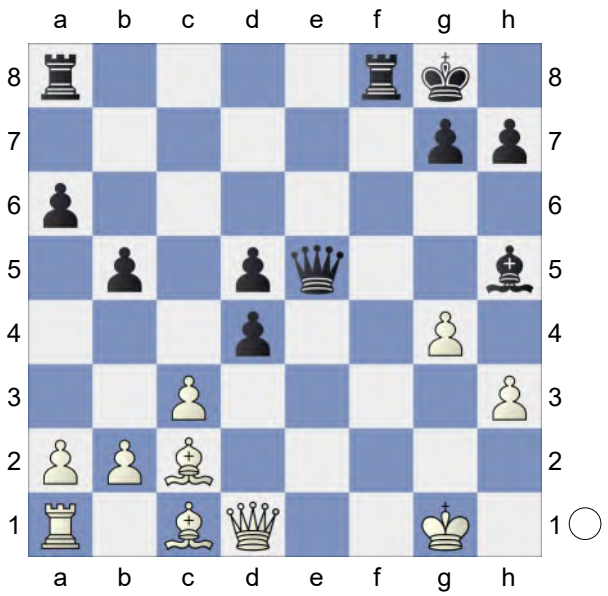


16...Bg4!∓ White must now prevent ...c5. Dancing on a razor blade. **17.Kg1N** -1.80/19
[17.b4∓ -1.08/18 Rae8 18.Bd3 Qh4+ 19.Kg1 Nxd3 *(19...Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Bxf3 21.Be2 Rxe2* 0-1 Graf,L-Couture,W corr 1949*)* 20.Bd2 Qf2+ 0-1 Weir,D-Dilworth,V Irish ch corr 1941]



17...c5!-+ 18.h3 -2.65/19
[⌓18.Bg5 -1.63/20 Qd6 *(18...Nxf3+ 19.Nxf3 Bxf3 20.Qd2=)* 19.Qd2 cxd4 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Re1 dxc3 22.bxc3]
18...Bh5 19.g4? -4.69/20
[19.Bg5 -2.74/19 Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Bxf3 21.Bxf6 *(21.Qd2? Qe5-+)* 21...Bxd1 22.Rxd1 Rxf6 *(22...gxf6? 23.Rxd5 Rad8 24.Rxc5-+)* 23.Rxd5]
19...cxd4 20.Nxe5 -7.61/20
[⌓20.Bf5 -4.23/16]
20...Qxe5

(Diagram)



21.gxh5 Qg3+ Black mates. **22.Kh1 Qxh3+ 23.Kg1 Qg3+ 24.Kh1**

White got outplayed after the opening.

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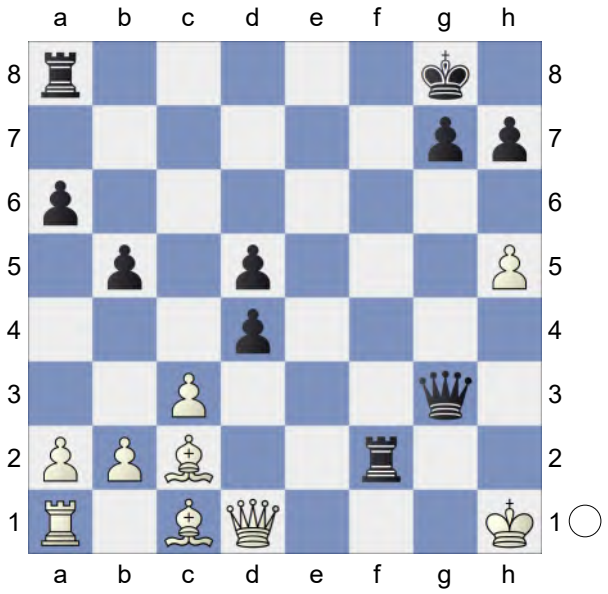
24...Rf2



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34 **C82**

□ **Kuybokarov,Temur** **2584**

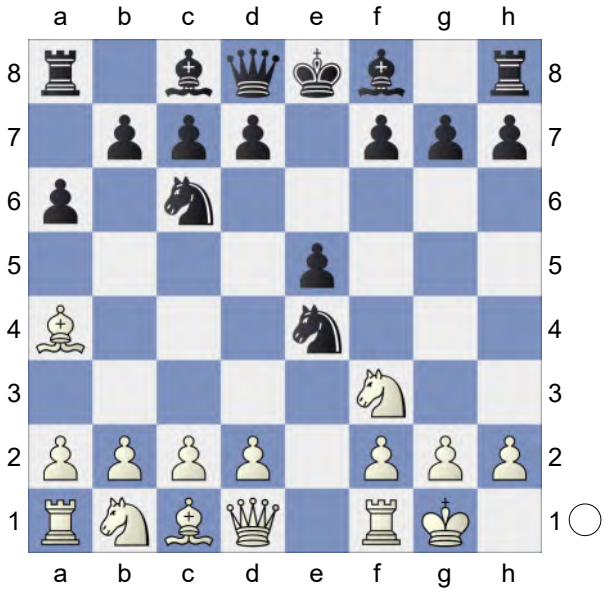
■ **Matlakov,Maxim** **2674**

FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (1.37) 25.10.23

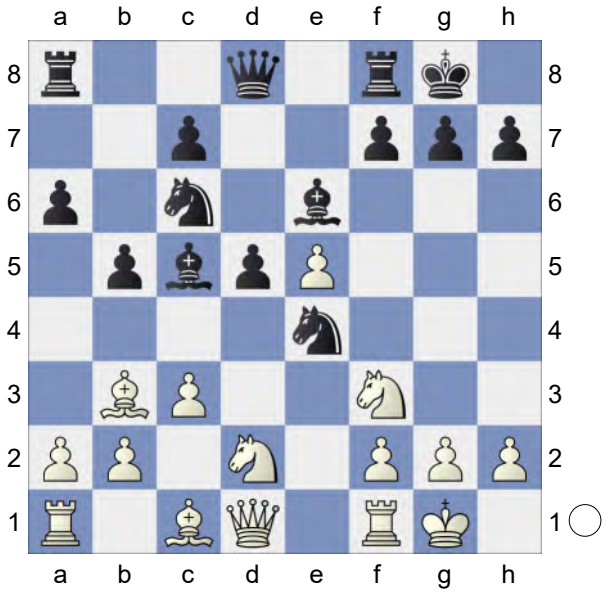
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

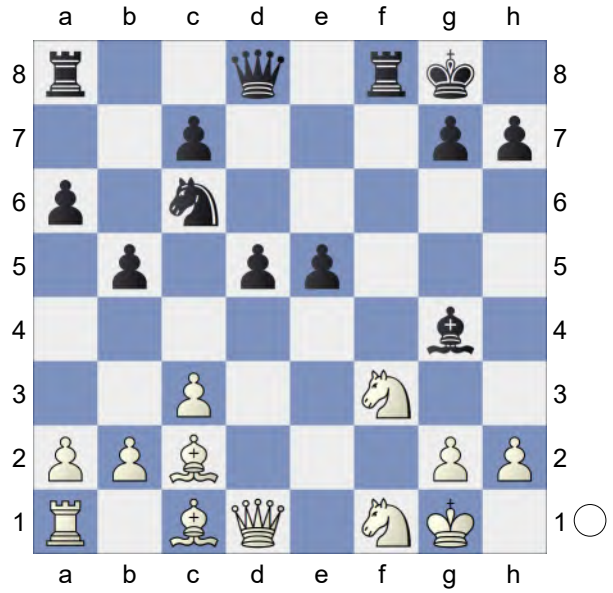
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1** The modern move.Der moderne Zug. **14...fxe5 15.Kg1 Bg4**



16.Ne3! White has compensation. **16...Be6 17.Nf1N** aiming for Bxh7+!.

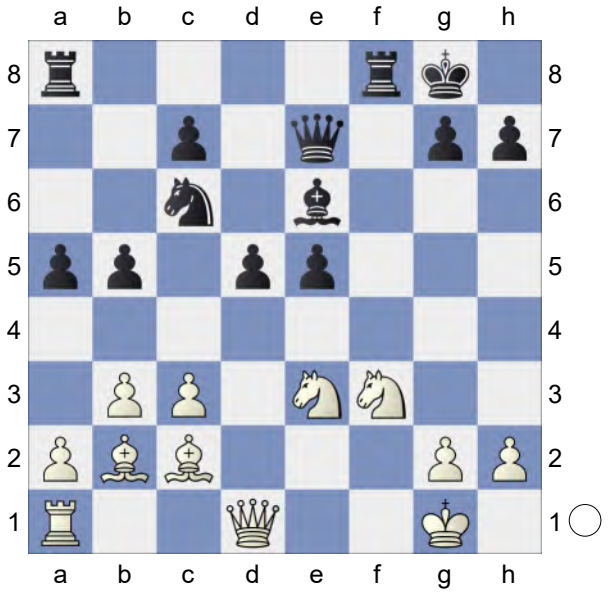
[17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6 26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 Qg6 31.Qxg6+ Kxg6 1-0 (58) Vachier Lagrave,M (2722)-Deac,B (2668) Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (15.3)]

17...Bg4 18.Ne3! Be6 19.b3 a5

[19...d4 20.Qd3 g6 21.cxd4 Nxd4 22.Bb2 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Rxf3 24.Qe2 Qg5+ 25.Ng2 Raf8 26.h4 Qg3 27.Bxe5 Qg4 28.Re1 Bd5 29.Bd1 Qf5 30.Bd4 Rg3 31.Bc2 Qd7 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Nakamura,H (2787) Bullet Chess Winners blitz 2023 (4.28)]

20.Bb2 White is more active. **20...Qe7N**

[Vorgänger: 20...Rc8 21.Qe1 0.23/18 *(21.c4± 0.61/19 bxc4 22.bxc4)* 21...e4= 22.Nd4 Nxd4 23.cxd4 h5 24.Bd1 h4 25.h3 c5 26.a3 Qg5 27.dxc5 Bxh3 28.Bd4 Rf3 29.Bxf3 exf3 ½-½ Doronkin,S (2310)-Schmitz,A (2383) EU-ch 2020 sf14 email]



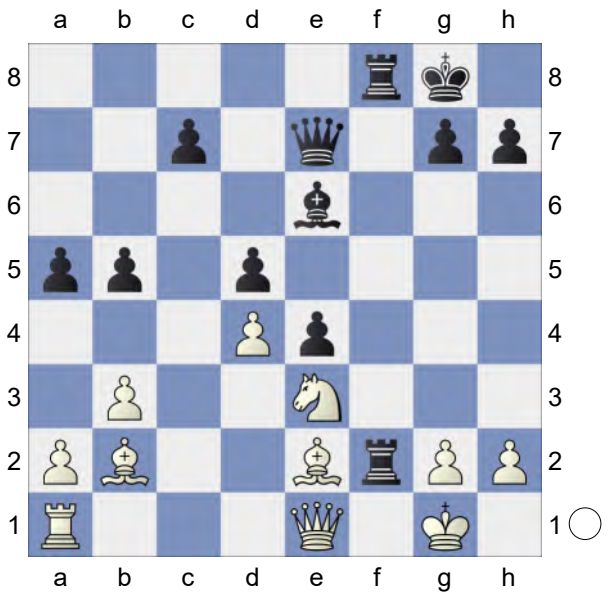
21.Qe1 -0.05/16

[21.Nxd5? Qc5+ 22.Kh1 Qxd5-+ *(22...Bxd5? 23.Ng5-+)*]

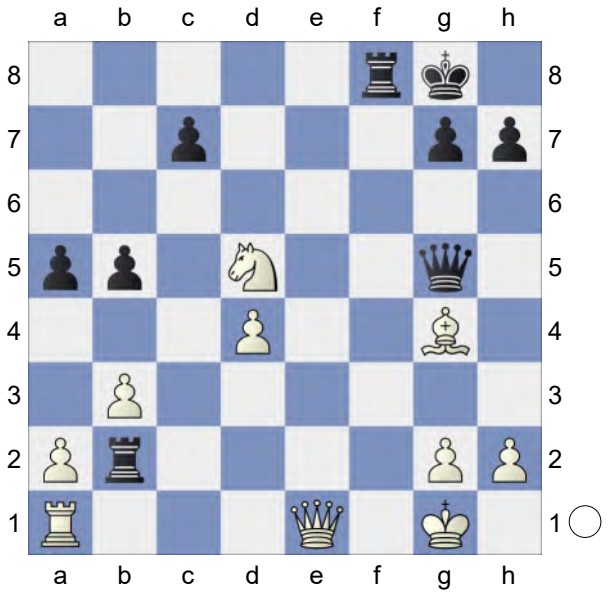
[21.a4± 0.33/19 deserves consideration. b4 22.cxb4 *(22.Nxd5? Qc5+ 23.Kh1 Qxd5-+)* 22...Nxb4 23.Nxe5 *(23.Bxe5 c5±)*]

21...e4= 22.Nd4⇄ White has counterplay **22...Nxd4 23.cxd4 Rf7 24.Bd1 Raf8 25.Be2 Rf2**

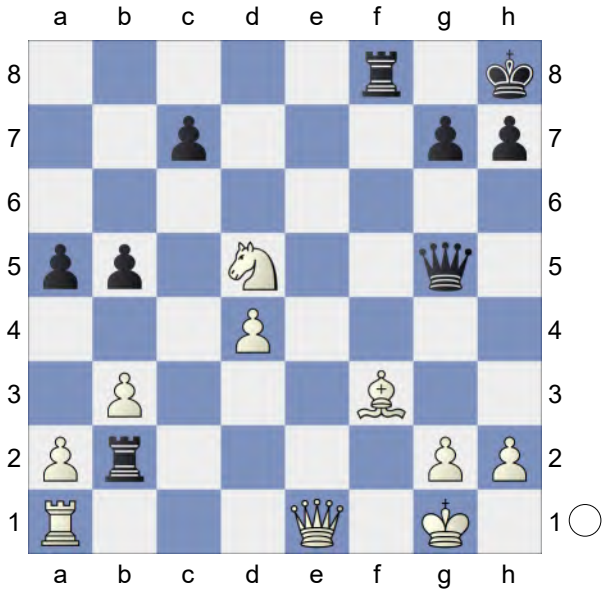
(Diagram)



26.Nd1
[26.Qxf2 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 a4]
26...e3 27.Nxe3 Bg4? 1.98/23
28.Bxg4+-
[28.Nxg4? Rxe2 29.Qg3 Rxb2-+]
[28.Qxf2 Rxf2 29.Kxf2 Qh4+ 30.Kf1 Bxe2+ 31.Kxe2 Qh5+ *(31...Qxh2 32.Rc1=)* 32.Kf2 Qxh2=]
28...Rxb2 29.Nxd5 Qg5 3.24/18
[29...Qxe1+ 2.06/18 30.Rxe1 Rff2]

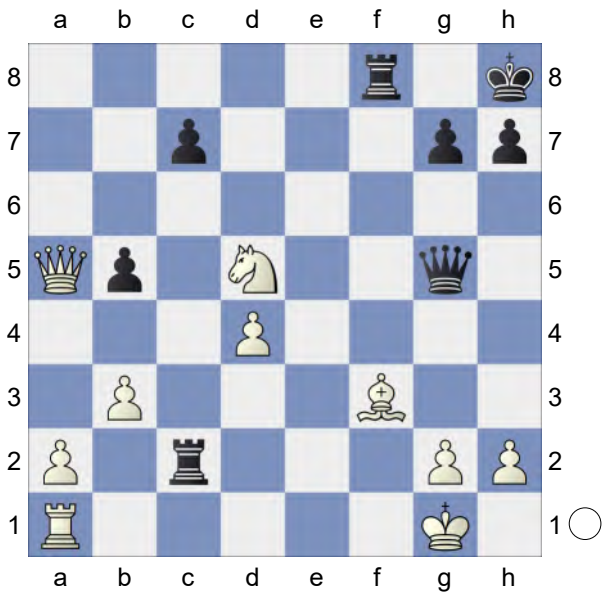


30.Bf3! Deflection **30...Kh8**
[30...Rxf3? 31.Qe8+ *(31.Qxa5? Qxg2#)* 31...Rf8 32.Ne7++- *(32.Qxb5? Qxg2#)*]
[30...a4 31.Nxc7]



31.Qxa5 2.19/17
[⌓31.h4 3.67/20 Qd2 32.Qxd2 *(32.Nxc7 Qxd4+ 33.Kh1 Rf2-+)* 32...Rxd2 33.Nxc7]
31...Rc2 3.51/20
[Wrong is 31...c6? 32.Qa3 b4 33.Qxb2+-]
[31...Qh4 2.19/17 was worth a try. 32.Qe1 *(32.Qxb5? loses. Qf2+ 33.Kh1 Rxf3-+)* 32...Qxd4+ 33.Kh1 c6]

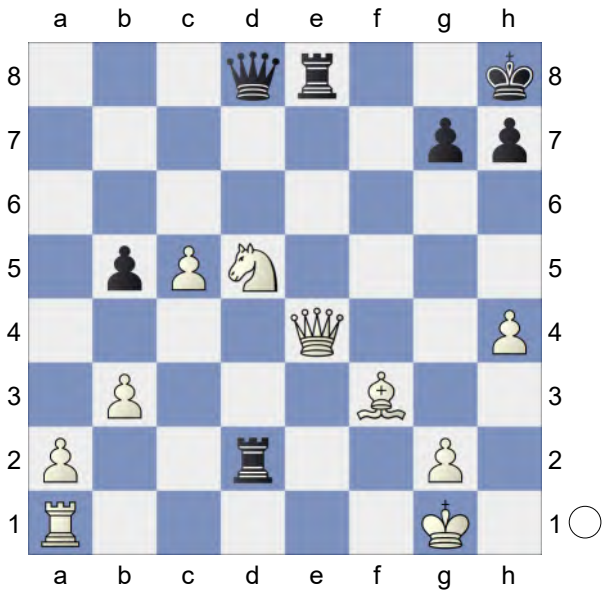
(Diagram)



32.Qe1! c5

[32...Qd8 33.Qe4]

33.h4 Qd8 34.Qe4 Deflection **34...Rd2 35.dxc5 Re8**



36.Qf5 Qxh4

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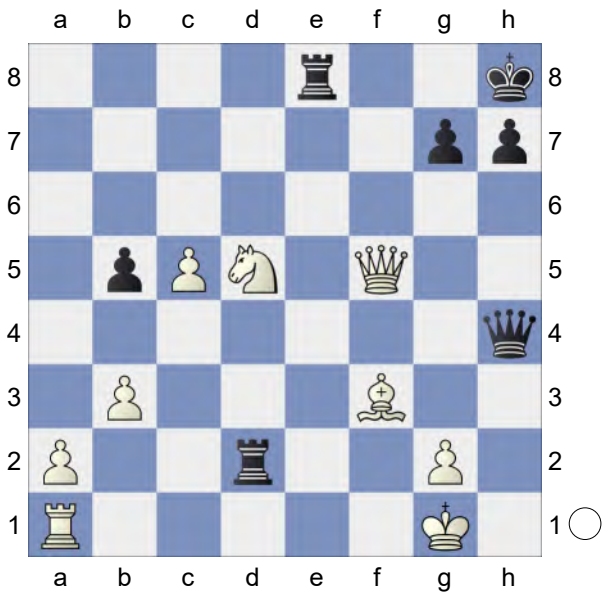
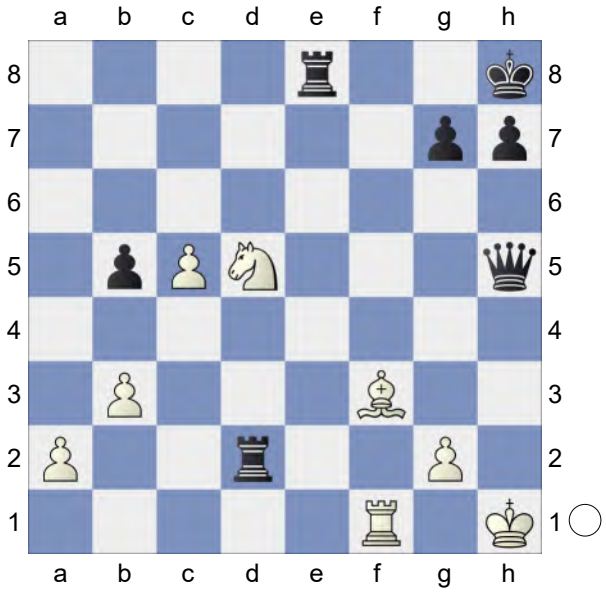


and ...Qd4+ would now be decisive. White is winning. **37.Rf1! Qd4+ 38.Kh1 Qh4+ 39.Qh3 Qg5 40.Qh5 Qxh5+**



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41.Bxh5

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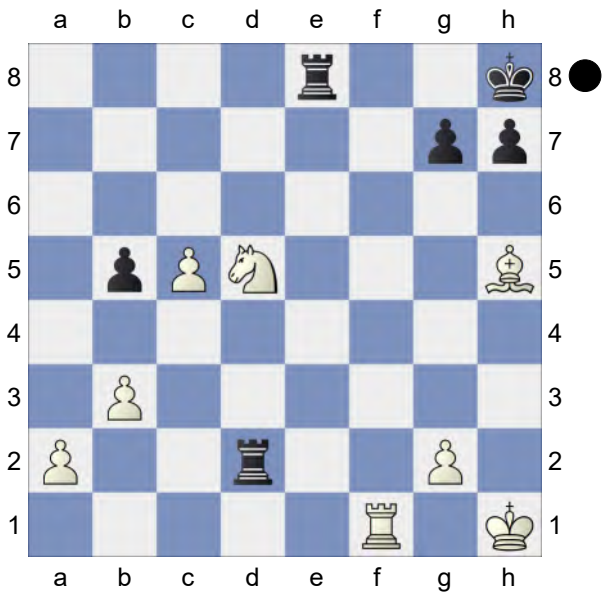

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35 **C82**
□ **Chesstomioka** **2649**
■ **Bughouseknight** **2660**
Blitz 25.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
6/245 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

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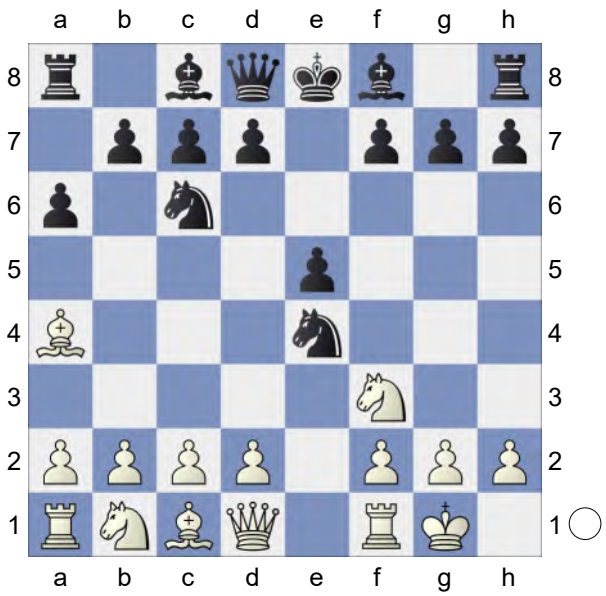
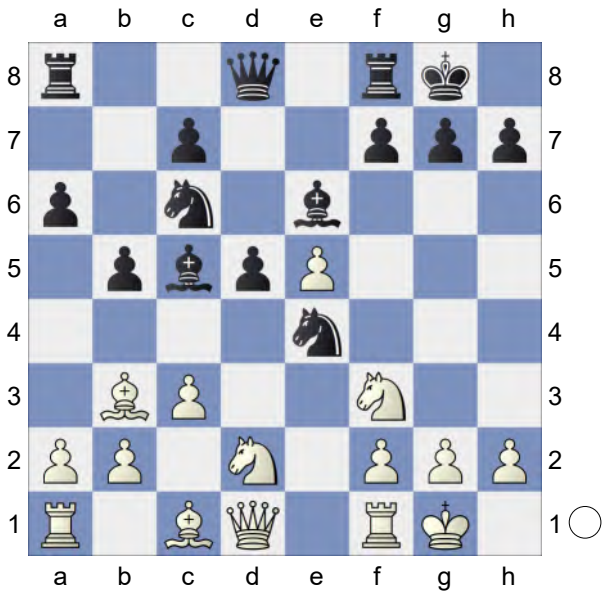


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 15.Kg1
[15.Nf1 with more complications. Ne5 16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5]
15...Bg4N 0.83/24
[15...Rae8!= -0.16/23]
[15...Rad8 16.Nf1 h6 17.Be3 Bg4 18.Qd3 Bf5 19.Qxf5 Qxf5 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 21.Ng3 Rf7 22.Re1 Re7 23.Nf5 Re6 24.N3d4 Nxd4 25.Nxd4 Re4 26.Bd2 Rde8 27.Rxe4 Rxe4

28.Kf2 Kf7 29.b4 Kf6 30.Nb3 1-0 (42) Piszcz,K-Fredrich,M Poland-Team m 1990]

[15...g5 16.Qe1 *(16.Nb3 g4 17.Qd3 Rf7 18.Bg5 Qg7 19.Nfd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Qxg5 21.Nxe6 Qf6 22.Qe2 Re8 23.Re1 Kh8 24.g3 Rfe7 25.Qd3 Rf7 26.Qe3 Kg8 27.Qe2 h5 28.Bb3 c6 29.Qe5 Qf2+ 30.Kh1 Qf3+* ½-½ Sprenger De la Iglesia,Y (2255)-Showdown (2400) (Game 26) Budapest 1995 *)*

A) 16...g4 17.Qh4 *(17.Ng5 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Qxf5 19.Qe6+ Qxe6 20.Nxe6 Rf7 21.g3 Re8 22.Nf4 Ne5 23.a4 c5 24.Nb3 d4 25.Nxc5 bxa4 26.Rxa4 Nf3+ 27.Kg2 Re1 28.Ncd3 Rg1+ 29.Kf2 Rh1 30.Rxa6 Rxh2+ 31.Kf1 Rh1+* 0-1 (52) Pantaleoni,L (2240)-Walter,E (2215) EU/M/997 corr 1992*)* 17...Bf5 18.Qxf6 Rxf6 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.Nh4 Re5 21.Nb3 C 82/10 2000;

B) 16...Rae8 17.Qg3 g4 18.h3 Qg7 19.hxg4 Bxg4 20.Nh2 Bd1 21.Qxg7+ Kxg7 22.Bxd1 Re1+ 23.Ndf1 Rxd1 24.Bh6+ Kxh6 25.Rxd1 0-1 Atlas,D (2315)-Rogic,D (2445) Dresden zt 1.2 1998 (4)]

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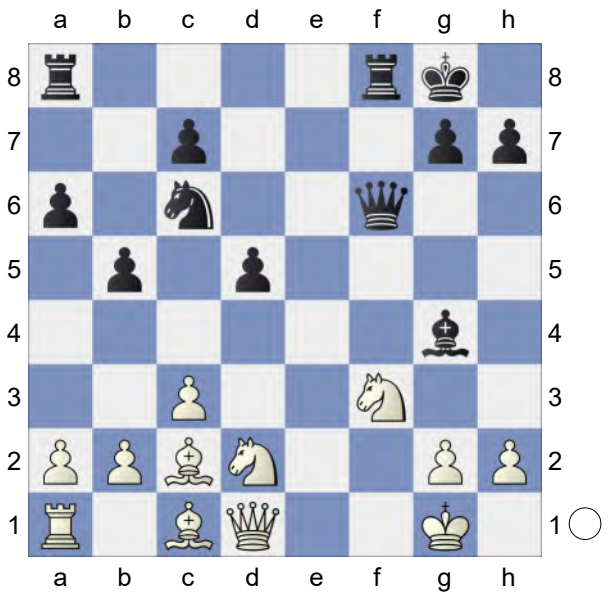
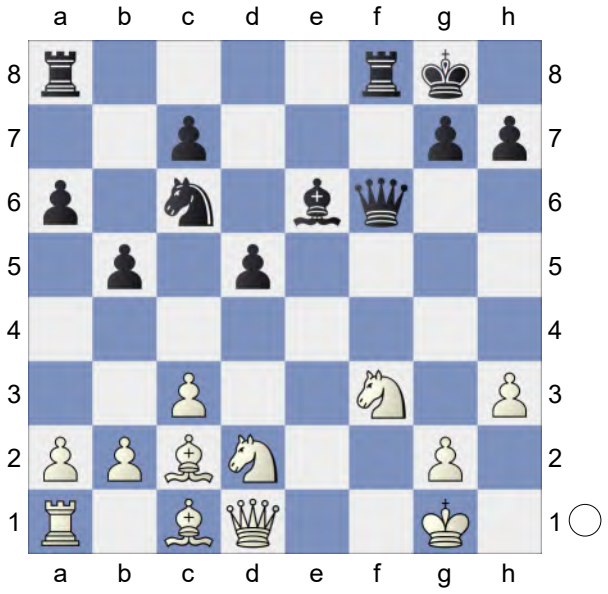


16.h3 Be6 2.22/20

[16...Bh5!± 0.49/21]



17.Qf1? 0.66/19

[17.Nf1+- 2.22/20]

17...Rae8 1.96/20

[17...Bf5± 0.66/19 18.Bd1 b4]

18.Qd3+- g6 19.Nf1 Kg7 3.78/20

[19...Ne5 2.20/20 was necessary. 20.Nxe5 Qf2+ 21.Kh2 Qxf1]

20.Bg5 Qf7

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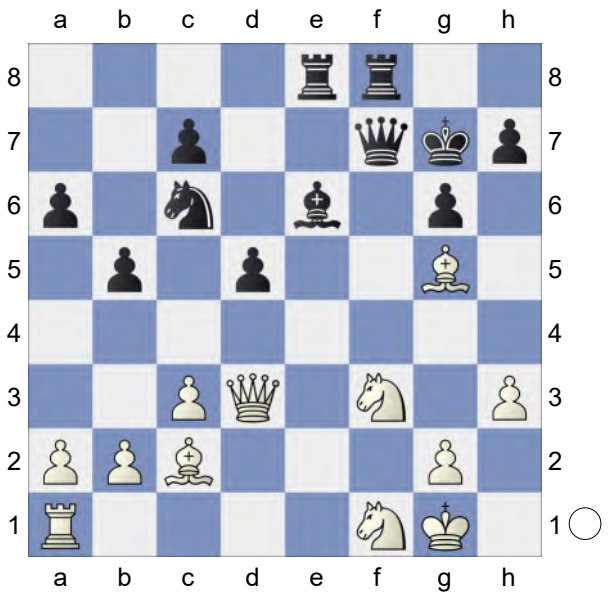
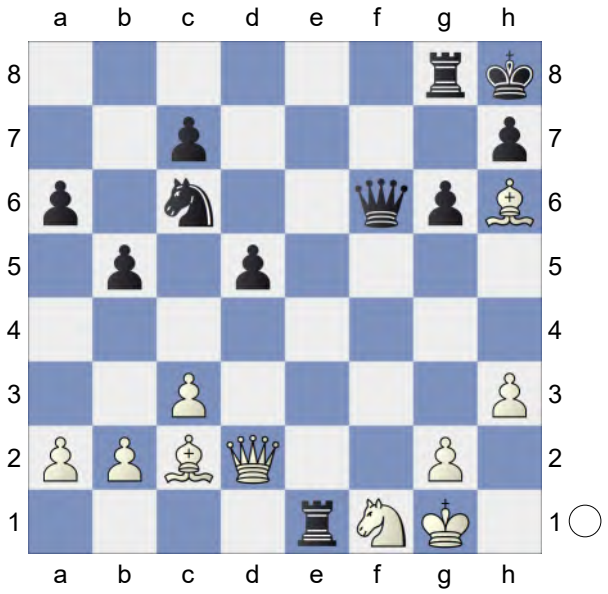


21.Qd2 Kh8 22.Bh6 Rg8 23.Ng5 Qf6 24.Nxe6 Rxe6 25.Re1?? -2.29/19

[Not 25.Qxd5 g5±]

[25.Ne3+- 3.61/22 avoids the disaster.]

25...Rxe1-+



Deflection **26.Qxe1** And now Ne3 would win. **26...g5 27.Bxg5** -3.37/22

[⌓27.Qg3 -2.39/22]

27...Qxg5

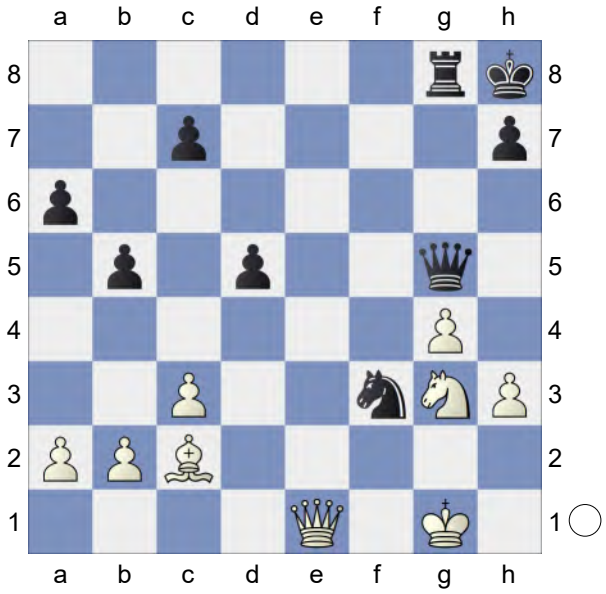
[27...Rxg5 28.Qe8+ Rg8 29.Qh5=]

28.g4 Ne5 White must now prevent ... Nf3+. **29.Ng3?** -11.61/21

[29.Qg3 -3.78/20]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.98/ Black=0.66

29...Nf3+



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36 **C82**

□ **Lederman** **2512**

■ **Mistrzowskiemalpki** **2642**

Blitz 07.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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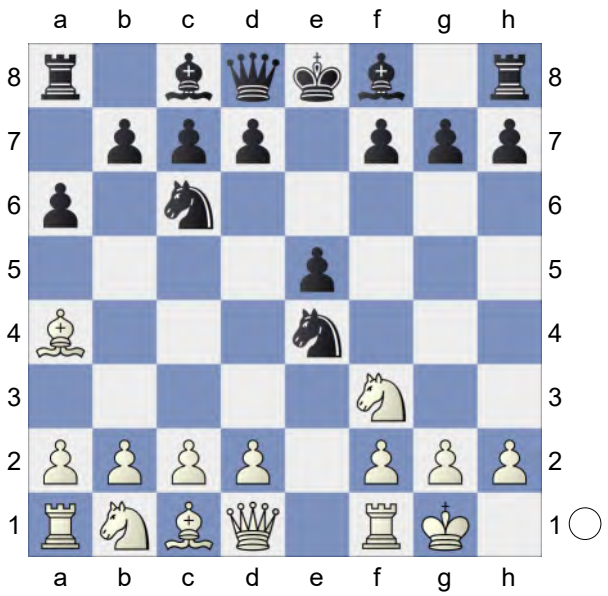

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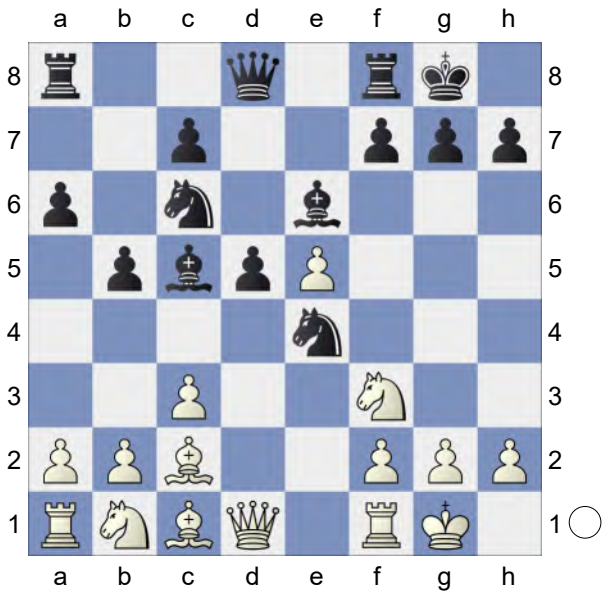

11.Nbd2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 White is slightly better. **12...Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 f6 14.Nf1 fxe5**

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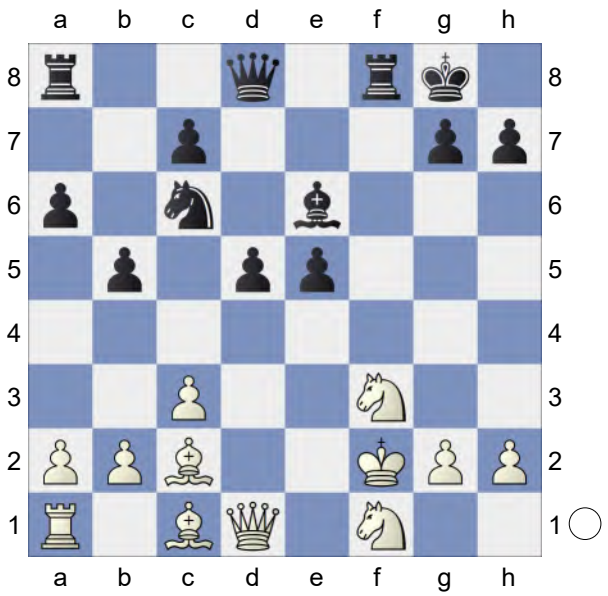
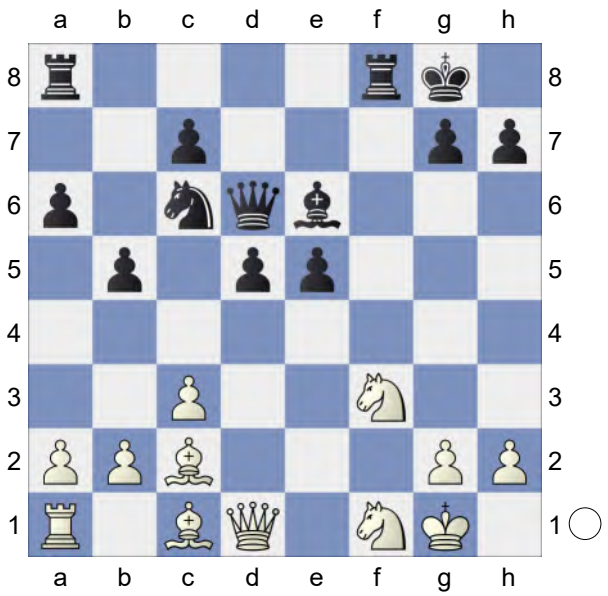


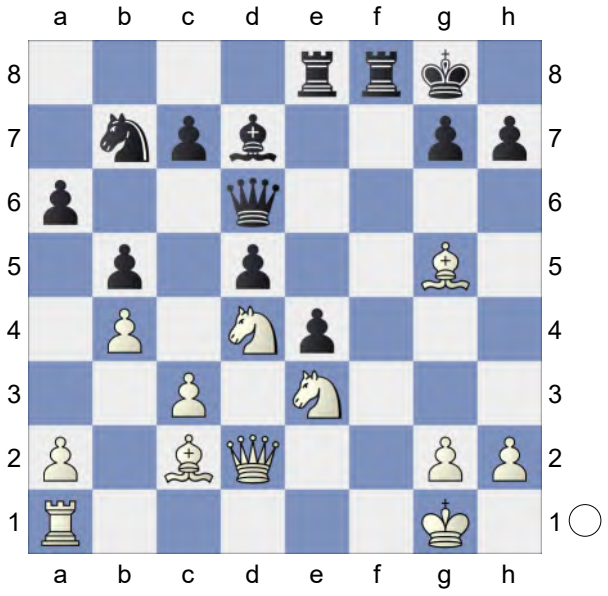
...e4 is the strong threat. **15.Kg1 Qd6N**

[15...Qd7 16.h3 Kh8 17.Be3 e4 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Qxh3 21.Bf2 Rf6 22.Qe3 Rf3 23.Qg5 Raf8 24.Qh4 Qd7 25.Bg3 R8f6 26.Qh2 Qf7 27.Qg2 h5 28.Re1 Rg6 29.Bd1 Rf5 30.Qh3 1-0 (37) Li,H (2189)-Young,A (2005) EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja 2024 (2.2)]

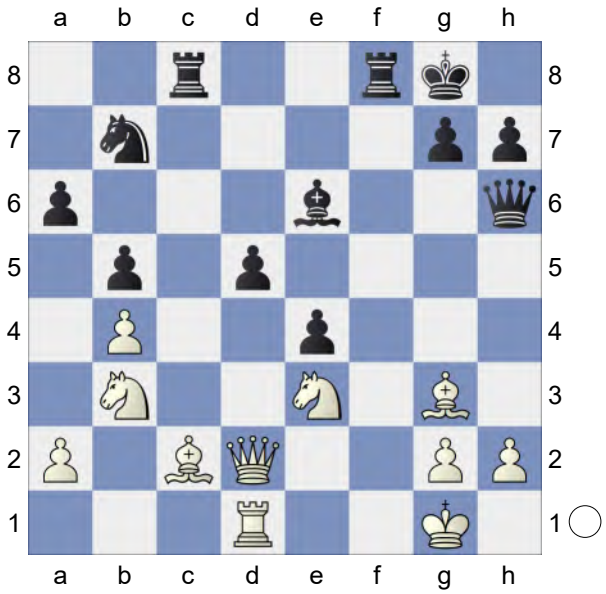
[15...Kh8 16.Ng5 Bg8 17.Be3 Qf6 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qh3 d4 20.Ne4 Qf5 21.g4 Qf3 22.Qxf3 Rxf3 23.Bh6 Bd5 24.Nfd2 Rf7 25.Bd3 Ne7 26.Rc1 Rb8 27.cxd4 Ng8 28.Bg5 exd4 29.Bh4 Ne7 30.Bf2 0-1 (50) Mrudul,D (2059)-Rajanya,D (1654) IND-ch U19 Girls 2023 (10) Nc6 31.Rc5 Nb4 32.Bxd4+ Kg8 33.Nf6+ Kf8 34.Bf1 Bxa2 35.Nde4 Rd8 36.Be5 Nd5 37.Rc6 Nxf6 38.Nxf6 Rd1 39.Rxa6 Bd5 40.Kf2 b4 41.g5 Rxf1+ 42.Ke3 Bb7 43.Ra7 Re1+ 44.Kd4 c5+ 45.Kxc5 0-1 (50) Chekhov,V (2059)-Senechaud,D (1654) Srbija (ch) 114/(202) 2012 (10)]



16.Bg5 White has compensation. **16...Rae8** Black is weak on the dark squares **17.Qd2** -0.04/24
[Better is 17.Be3± 0.46/23]
17...Na5 0.34/22
[17...Kh8= -0.04/24 might be stronger.]
18.Ne3± e4 1.06/20
[18...Nc4!= 0.13/19 19.Nxc4 bxc4]
19.Nd4↑ White is on the roll. **19...Bd7**
20.b4 Nb7 1.72/24
[20...h6± 1.28/19]



21.Bh4+- c5 22.Bg3 Qh6 23.Nb3 A dynamic duo of knights. **23...cxb4**
24.cxb4 Threatens to win with Re1!.
[24.Nxd5 Qxd2 25.Nxd2 e3∓]
[24.Qxd5+ Be6 25.Qd4 *(25.Qxb7? Qxe3+ 26.Kh1 Qxc3-+; 25.Qxe4 bxc3 26.Qd3 b4=)* 25...bxc3±]
24...Be6 2.30/23
[24...Nd6± 1.41/22 25.Nxd5 *(25.Qxd5+ Be6±)* 25...e3 26.Nxe3 Qxe3+ 27.Qxe3 Rxe3]
25.Rd1
[25.Nxd5? Qxd2 26.Nxd2 Bxd5-+]
25...Rc8



26.Nxd5?? -2.50/18
[26.Nd4+- 2.55/20 avoids the disaster.]
26...Qxd2-+

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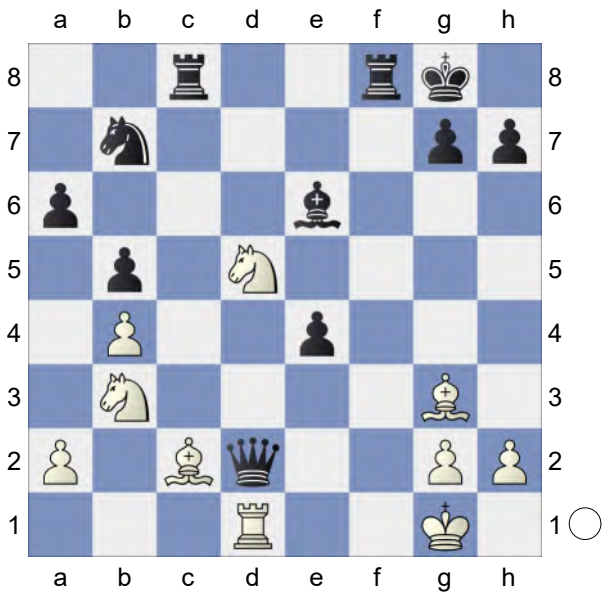
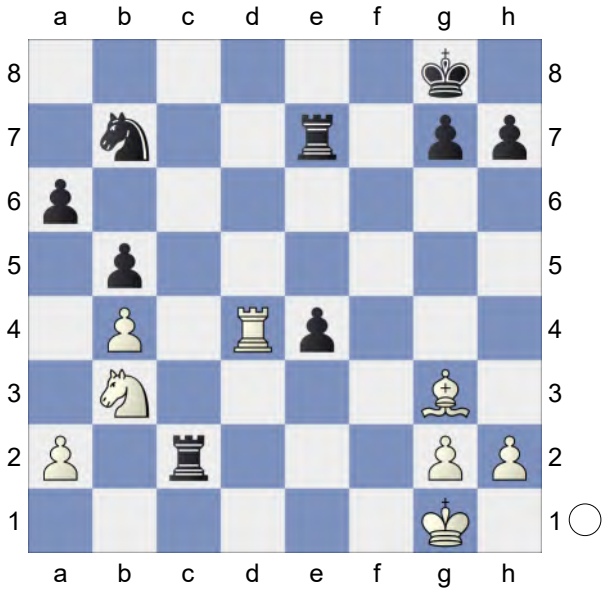
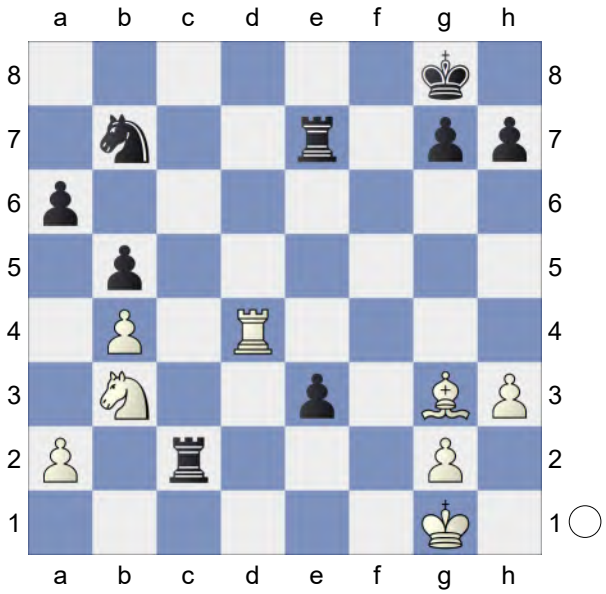


Remove Defender **27.Rxd2** -3.63/23
[⌓27.Ne7+ -2.50/22 Kf7 28.Rxd2 Kxe7 29.Bh4+ Ke8 30.Re2]
27...Bxd5 Deflection **28.Rxd5 Rxc2**
Black is clearly winning. **29.Rd7 Rf7**
30.Rd4 Re7
[Not 30...Rxa2 31.Rxe4 h5 32.Re5-+]



31.h3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.31

31...e3



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37 **C82**
□ **Djaeggi** **2629**
■ **Jean Val Jean** **2615**
Blitz 18.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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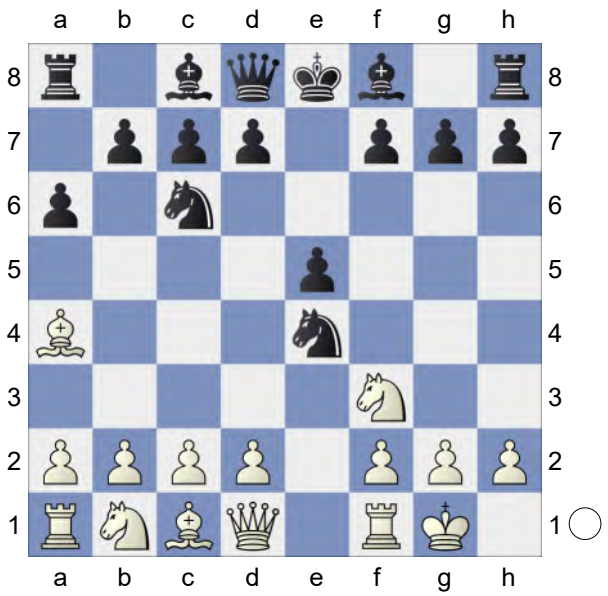
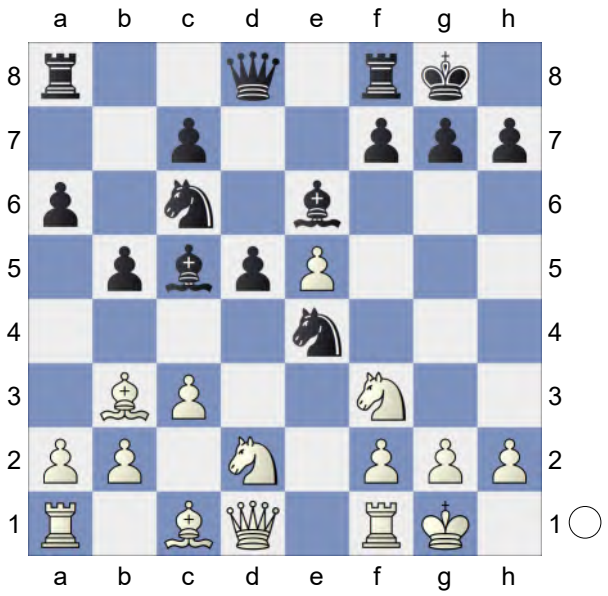


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.c3 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

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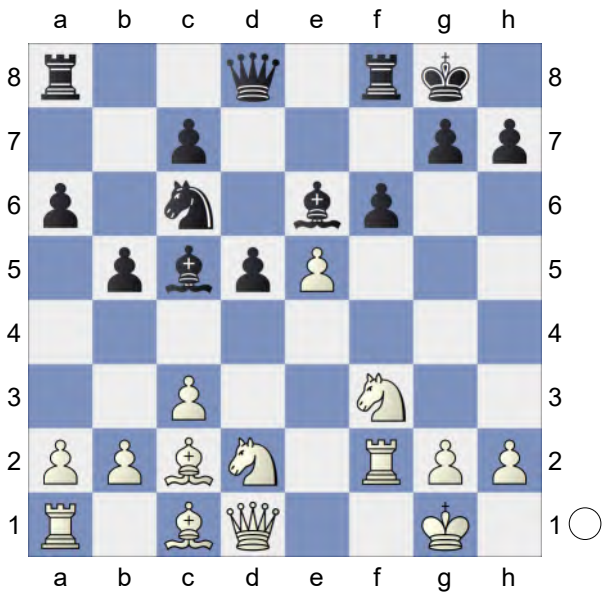


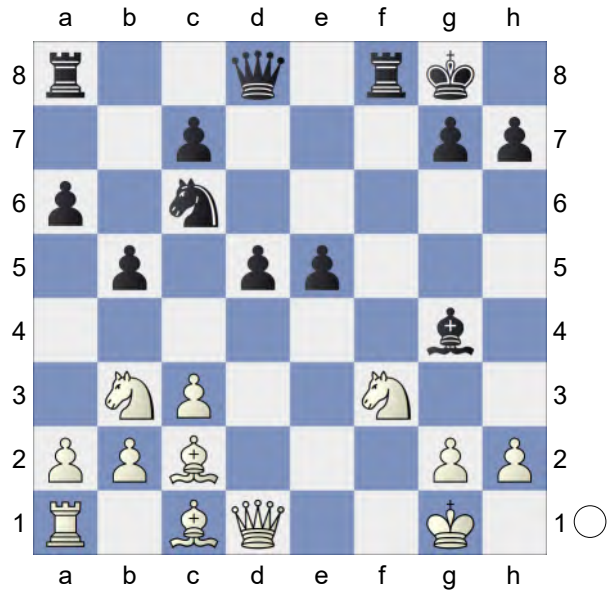
13.Nb3N -0.69/20

[13.Qe2 fxe5 14.Nb3 Bxf2+ 15.Qxf2 e4 16.Qe1 Bg4 17.Nfd4 Ne5 18.Nc5 Qf6 19.Be3 Rae8 20.Bd1 C 82/09 2000]

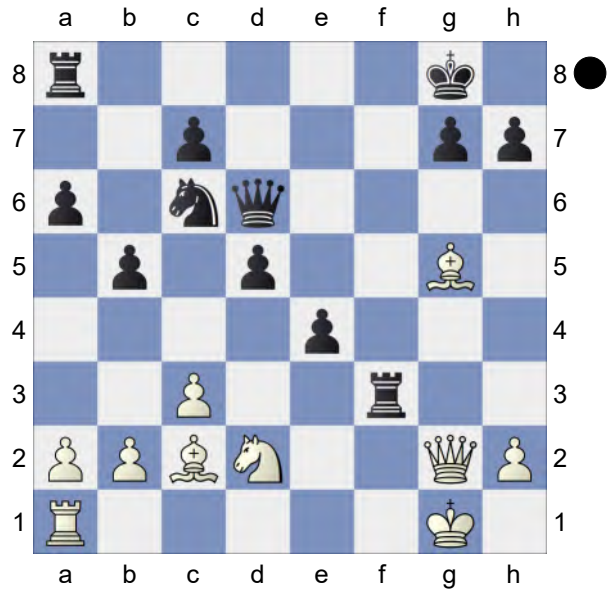
[13.Nf1 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 Bg4 *(15...Qd6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 e4 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Rdf8 23.Rd2 Qb4 24.a3 Qb3 25.h3 R5f7 26.Ng3 Rf6 27.Kh2 a5 28.Nh5 Rf5 29.Ng3 R5f6 30.Nh5* ½-½ (32) Nepomniachtchi,I (2757)-Erigaisi,A (2782) 2nd UzChess Cup Masters 2025 (3.3)*; 15...e4 16.Ng5 Qf6 17.Be3 Ne5 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Nd2 Rae8 20.b4 Nf3+ 21.Kh1* Chess Informant Eco Chess Informant ECO C5 2006*; 15...Qf6 16.Bg5 Qf7 17.Be3 h6 18.Bc5 Rfe8 19.Ne3* 10. Ruy Lopez Open-Open 6...b5,9*)* 16.Ne3 Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]

13...Bxf2+∓ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1

Black is better. **15...Bg4**



16.Qd2 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Rxf3 18.Qg2 e4 19.Bg5 -1.50/19
[⌓19.Bd1 -0.90/20 Rf8 20.Qh3]
19...Qd6∓ 20.Nd2 -1.86/20
[20.Bd1∓ -1.42/19 Rf7 21.Be3]



20...Qc5+ -0.51/19
[20...Rf5!-+ -1.86/20 ...Ne5 would now be deadly. 21.Rd1 Qg6]

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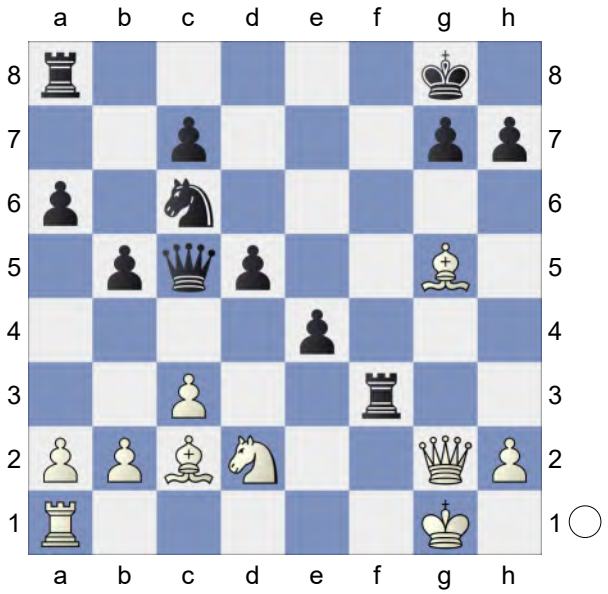

21.Kh1∓ Rf2 -0.05/21
[21...Rf5!∓ -0.51/22 deserves consideration.]
22.Qg1→ White mounts an attack.
22...Raf8 23.Nb3? -3.57/20
[23.Bb3!= 0.00/21 and White stays safe. Kh8 24.Re1]
23...Qc4? -0.88/20
[23...Qd6-+ -3.57/20 24.Nd2 Ne5]
24.Rc1? -7.00/19
[24.Nd2∓ -0.88/20 Rxd2 25.Bxd2]
24...Ne5 25.Be3 -7.48/18
[⌓25.Nd2 -4.41/18 Qe2 *(25...Qxa2 26.Rb1-+)* 26.Bd1]
25...R2f3? -2.34/17
[25...Qe2 26.Bxf2 Rxf2 27.Nd4=]
[25...Rf1 -7.48/18 26.Rd1 Ng4 *(26...Rxg1+? 27.Bxg1 Nf3 28.Nc1-+)* 27.Rxf1 Rxf1 Pin]

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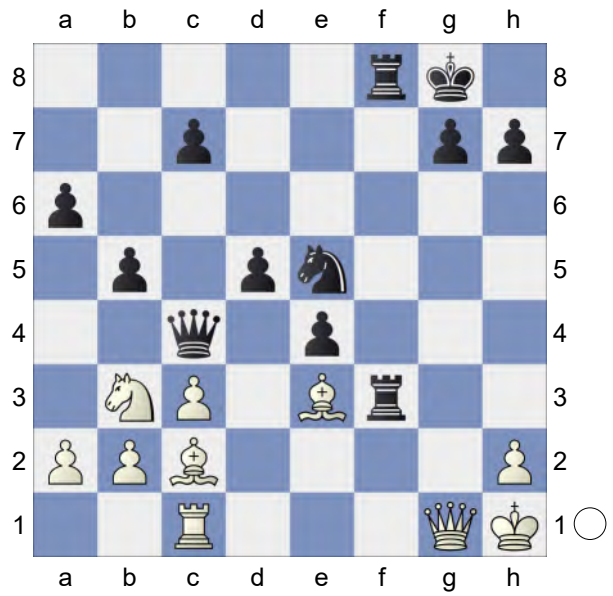

26.Bd4? -5.79/21
[26.Nd2 -2.34/17 nothing else works. Qe2 *(26...Qxa2 27.Bd4±)* 27.Re1 Rxe3 28.Qxe3 Qxe3 29.Rxe3]
26...Ng6? 0.25/17
[Black should try 26...Rf1-+ -5.79/21 27.Bxe5 e3 *(27...Rxg1+? 28.Rxg1 Rf1 29.h3-+)* 28.Rxf1 Rxf1 Pin]
27.Nd2! Qxa2 2.53/20
[27...Qe2= 0.14/20 28.Nxf3 Qxf3+ 29.Qg2 Qxg2+ 30.Kxg2 Nf4+ 31.Kh1 Ne2]
28.Nxf3+- Rxf3 29.b4 Qc4 2.32/19
[29...Qb2 1.86/19]
30.Re1 a5? 3.94/20
[30...Rf7 2.27/19 31.Bd1 Qc6]

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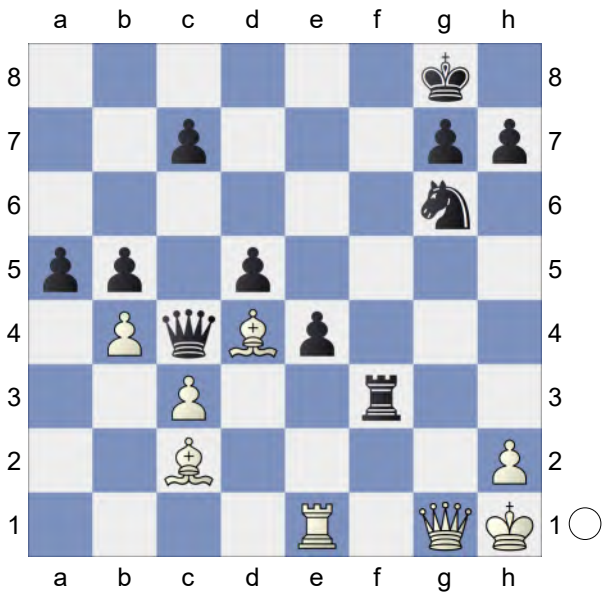
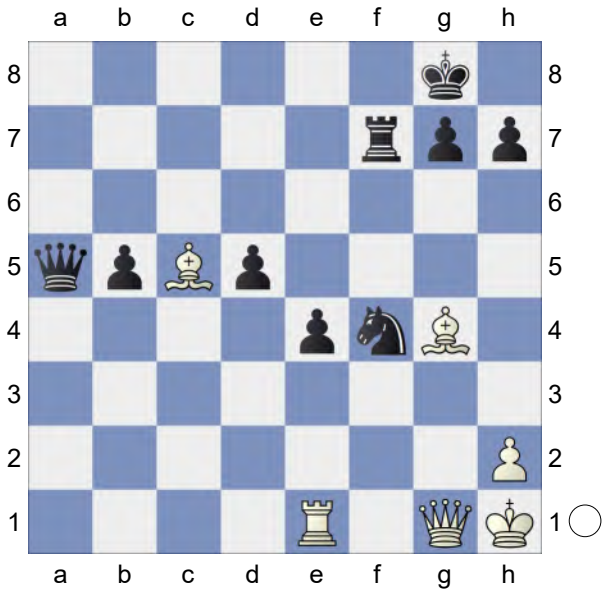


31.bxa5 2.14/18
[⌓31.Bd1 3.94/20 Rf7 32.bxa5]
31...c5 32.Be3
[32.Bxc5 Rxc3 33.Be3 Rxc2=]
32...Qxc3 33.Bd1 Rf7 34.Bxc5 Qxa5
35.Bg4 0.73/18
[⌓35.Bh5 1.49/18]
35...Nf4±



36.Be3 This pair of bishops is nice.
36...Nd3? 5.92/21
[36...h5= 0.23/17 and Black has nothing to worry. 37.Rf1 hxg4 38.Rxf4 *(38.Bxf4 Qc3=)* 38...Rxf4

39.Bxf4 g3]

37.Rf1? 1.45/18

[37.Ra1+- 5.92/21 and the rest is easy. Qd8 38.Be6 Pin]

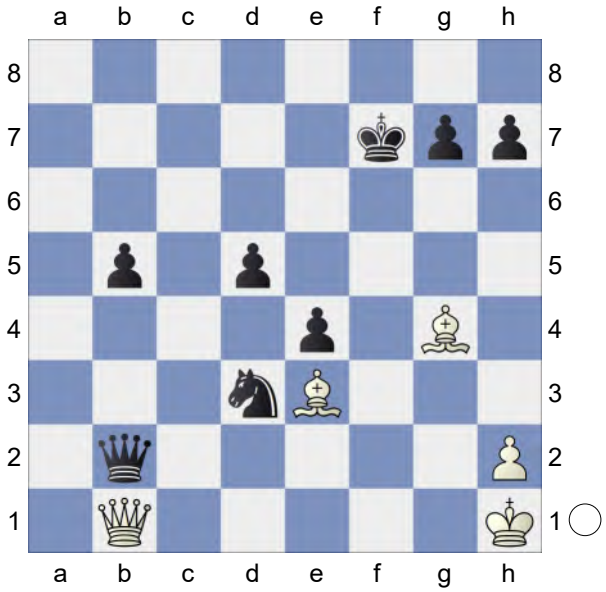
37...Qa6 2.17/19

[37...Rxf1± 1.45/18 might work better. 38.Qxf1 Qe1 39.Be6+ Kh8]

38.Rxf7? 0.19/17

[Only move: 38.Bf5+- 2.17/19 g6 39.Qg3]

38...Kxf7= 39.Qf1+ Qf6 40.Qb1 Qb2



41.Qf1+ Qf6 Active counter play!

42.Qh3 -0.43/22

[42.Qg1= 0.00/19]

42...Qa1+ 0.00/22

[42...d4∓ -0.43/22 43.Qh5+ Kf8]

43.Kg2 Black must now prevent Qh5+.

43...Qb2+ 44.Kg3? -3.00/20

[44.Kg1= 0.00/22]

44...Qe5+-+ 45.Kg2

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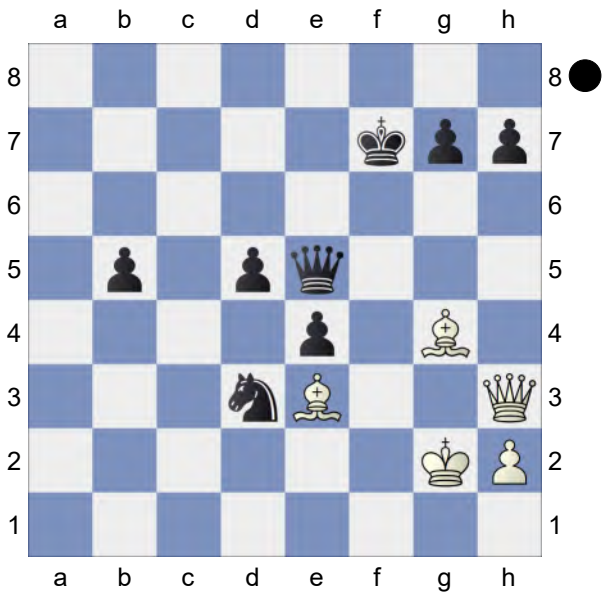
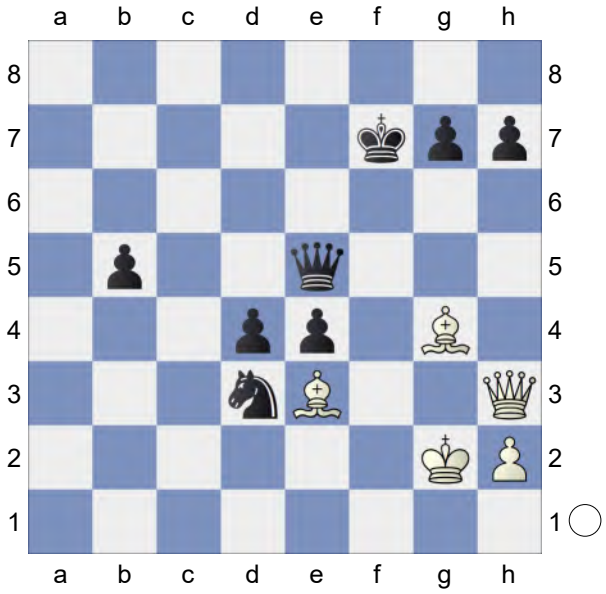


d4!



46.Bh5+? -6.13/20

[46.Bd2 -3.04/15 e3 47.Qf3+ Kg6 *(47...Nf4+? 48.Kg3∓)* 48.Ba5 Nf4+ 49.Kh1]

46...Ke7? -2.27/15

[46...Kf6 -6.13/20 47.Bg4 *(47.Qh4+? g5-+)* 47...dxe3 48.Qxe3 h5 *(48...b4? 49.Qb6+ Kg5 50.Bd1-+)*]

47.Qh4+ Kd7 48.Qg4+? -5.11/18

[48.Bg5 -2.16/19]

48...Kc7 49.Bg5 g6 50.Bxg6 hxg6

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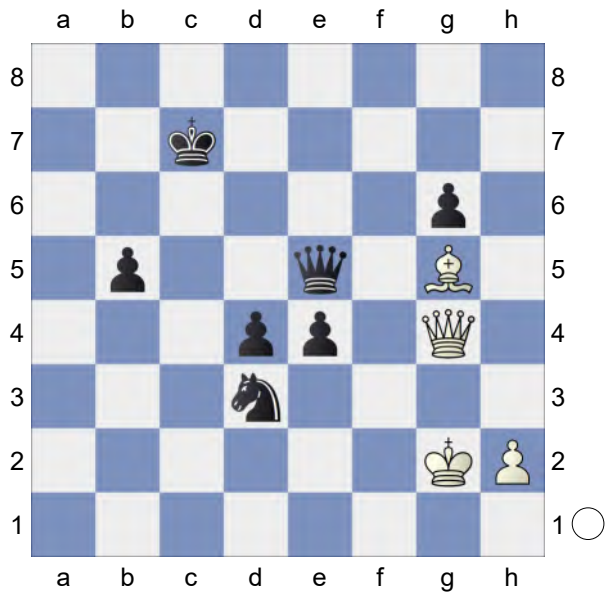
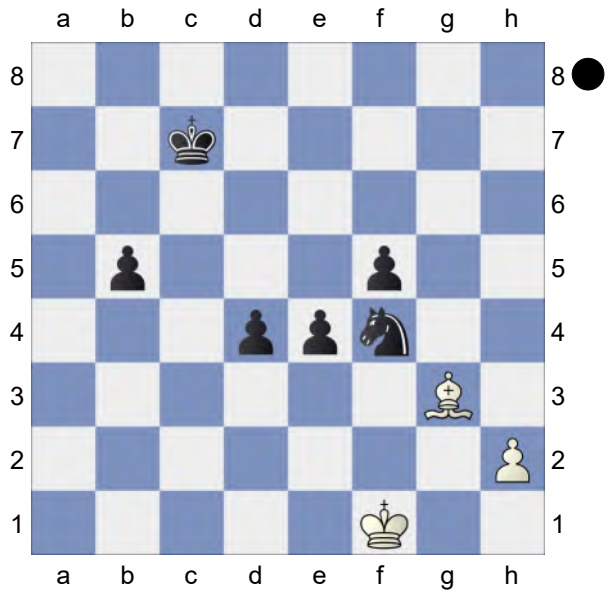


Endgame KQB-KQN. Black is 3 pawns up. **51.Bh4 Nf4+ 52.Kf1 Qf5 53.Qxf5 gxf5** KB-KN. Black is 3 pawns up. **54.Bg3**



Kc6! 55.Bxf4 KB-KP **55...Kd5?** -2.47/24
[55...e3 -6.72/25 56.Ke2 b4]

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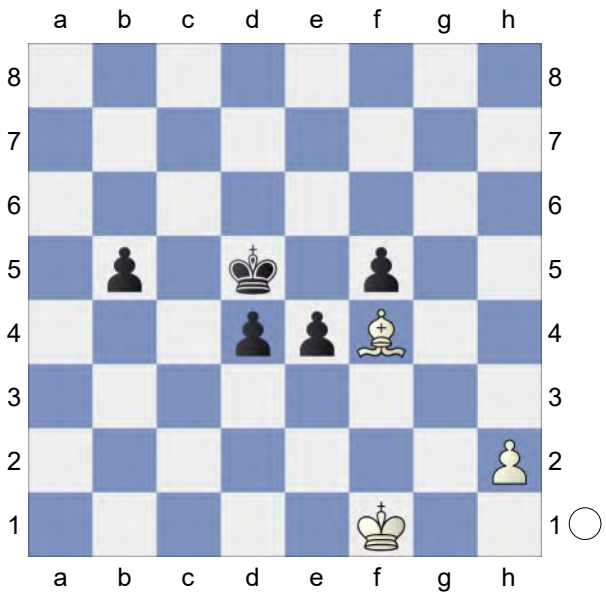
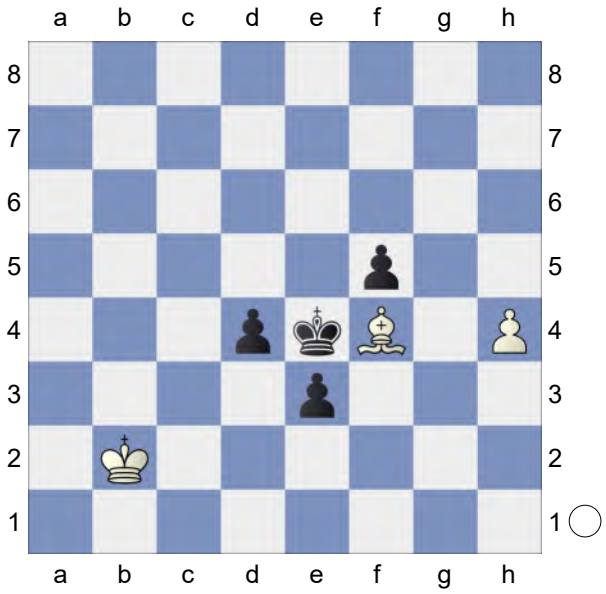


56.Ke2? -9.72/27
[56.h4 -2.47/24 b4 57.Bc1]
56...b4 57.h4 b3 58.Kd2 b2 -6.58/18
[⌓58...e3+ -14.77/24 59.Kd3 b2]
59.Kc2 e3 60.Kxb2 KB-K3P **60...Ke4**



61.h5 Kxf4 KP-KP. Black is two pawns up. **62.h6 e2 63.h7 e1Q** (-> ...Qc3+)
[63...e1B? too greedy. 64.h8Q *(64.h8R d3=)* 64...Bf2 65.Qb8+ Kg4 66.Kc2+-]
64.h8Q Qc3+ 65.Ka2 Qe3

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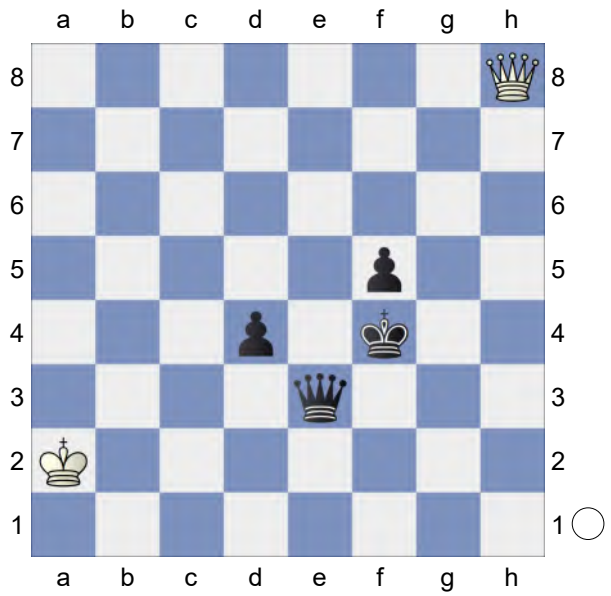

66.Kb2 Ke4 67.Qe8+ Kd3 68.Qh5 0-1

What a fight!

Weighted Error Value: White=1.42/ Black=1.18

68...Qd2+ -6.93/18

[⌓68...Qe2+ -#14/20 69.Qxe2+ Kxe2 70.Kb3 d3 71.Kc4 d2 72.Kd5 d1Q+ *(72...d1B* leads to mate. *73.Ke5 Bc2 74.Kf4 Be4 75.Ke5 Ke3 76.Kd6 f4 77.Ke6 f3 78.Kf6 f2 79.Kf7 f1Q+ 80.Ke7 Qf5 81.Kd6 Kd4 82.Kc7 Qe5+ 83.Kd7 Bf5+ 84.Kc6 Bc8 85.Kb6 Qc5#)* 73.Kc6 f4 74.Kc7 f3 75.Kc8 f2 76.Kb7 f1Q *(76...f1R 77.Kc6 Qd8 78.Kc5 Rc1+ 79.Kb4 Qb8+ 80.Ka5 Ra1#)* 77.Kc6 Qf5 78.Kb6 Qdd7 79.Ka6 Qfb5#]

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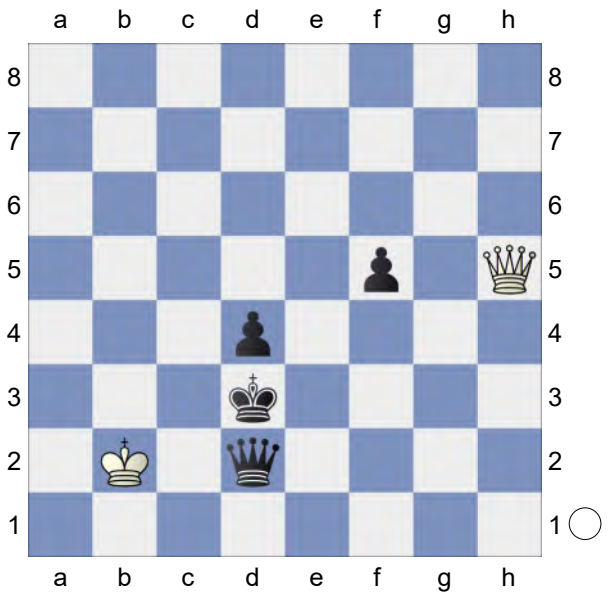

38 **C82**

□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2778**

■ **Heimann,Andreas** **2617**

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C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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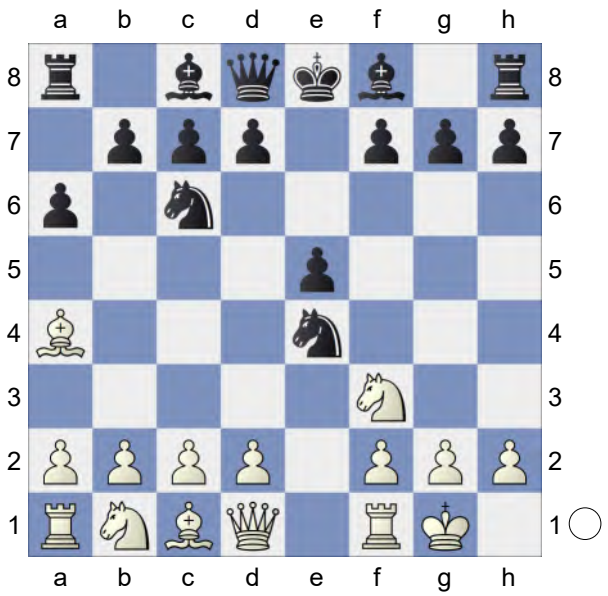
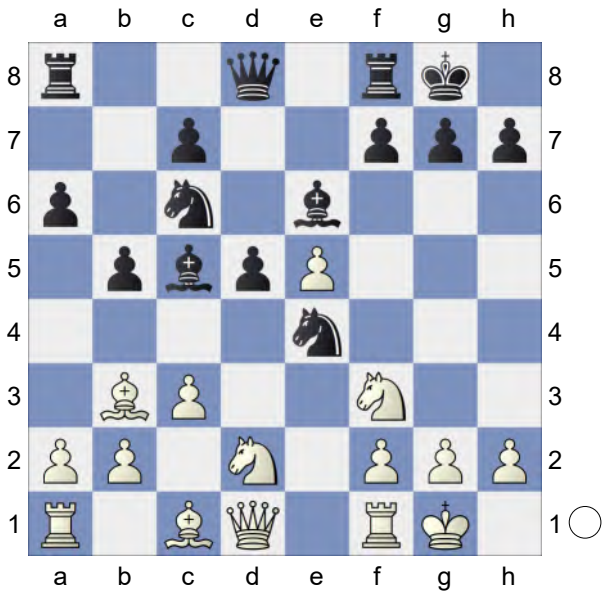


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

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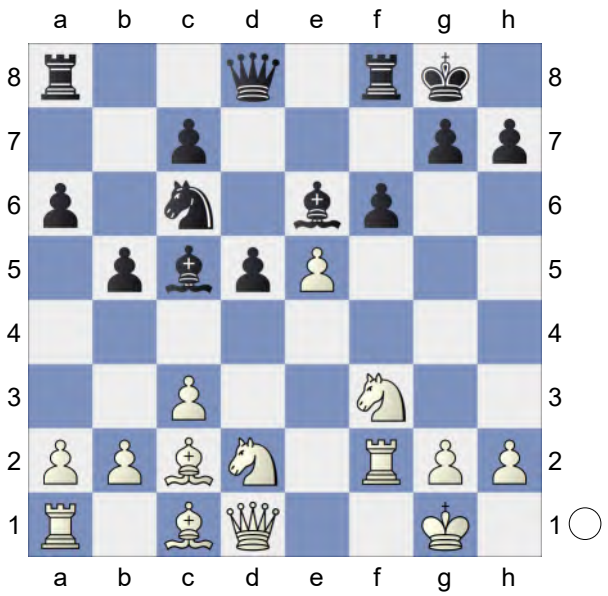
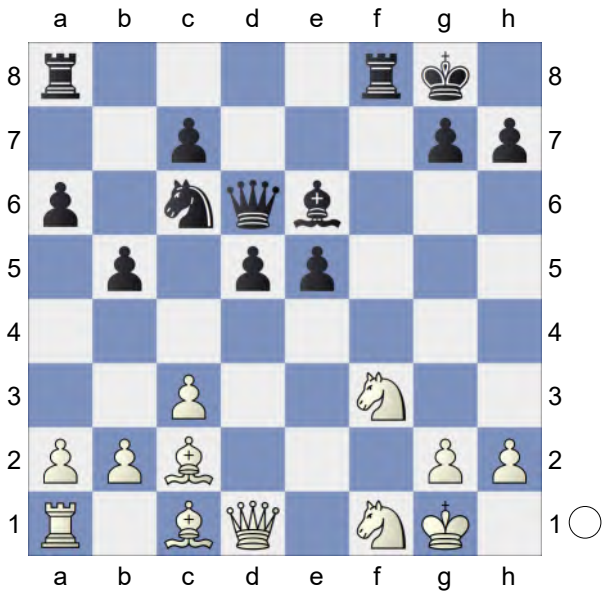


13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Qd6**



16.Ng5 -0.11/19

[16.Be3!? Bf5 *(16...Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 e4 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Rdf8 23.Rd2 Qb4 24.a3 Qb3 25.h3 R5f7 26.Ng3 Rf6 27.Kh2 a5 28.Nh5 Rf5 29.Ng3 R5f6 30.Nh5 Rf5 31.Ng3* ½-½ (32) Nepomniachtchi,I (2757)-Erigaisi,A (2782) 2nd UzChess Cup Masters 2025 (3.3)*)* 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7 20.Re1

Kh8 21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 Be4 23.N1d2 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 e4 25.Qxd6 Nxd6 26.Nd4 Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4 28.b4 cxb3 29.axb3 a5 30.Nc6 Ra8 31.Ra1 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2859)-Le, Q (2728) Meltwater Tour Final 2022 rapid (5.7)]

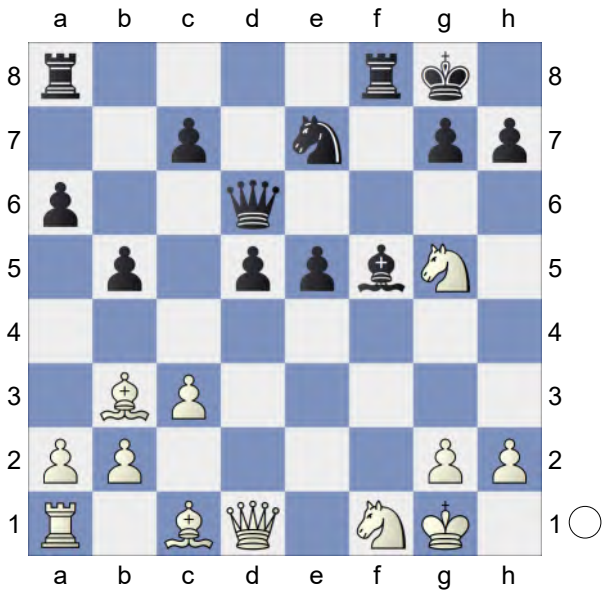
[White should try 16.Be3!± 0.52/20]

16...Bf5= 17.Bb3 -0.48/21

[17.Bxf5 Rxf5 18.Qd3 e4 19.Qh3 Qg6 20.Ng3! Re5! *(20...Rxg5?? 2.86/18 20...Re5 -0.40 21.Bxg5 Qxg5 22.Qe6++-; 20...Rf6 21.Nh5! Rf5 22.Ng3!=)* 21.Bf4 Ree8 22.Qd7 Rad8 23.Qxc7 h6 24.Nh3 e3! 25.Re1 d4!∓]

[17.Bxf5= -0.12/21 Rxf5 18.Qd3]

17...Ne7 Diagram



18.Ng3N

[18.Ne3 -0.76/19 18.Ng3 -0.28 Rad8 19.Bd2]

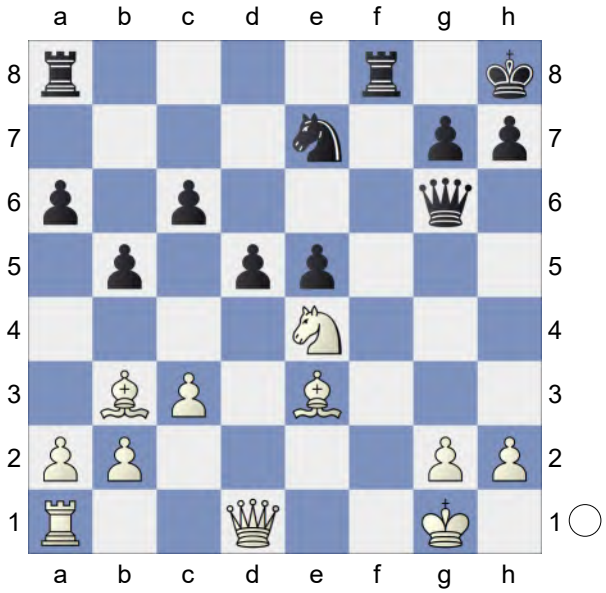
18...c6 0.37/22

[⌓18...Kh8! 19.Nxf5 Nxf5 20.Qh5 h6 21.Bd2 Qb6+ 22.Kh1 Qf2 23.Bxd5 Qxd2 24.Bxa8 Qxg5 25.Qxg5 hxg5∓]

[18...Kh8!∓ -0.41/21]

19.Qe2 -0.45/21

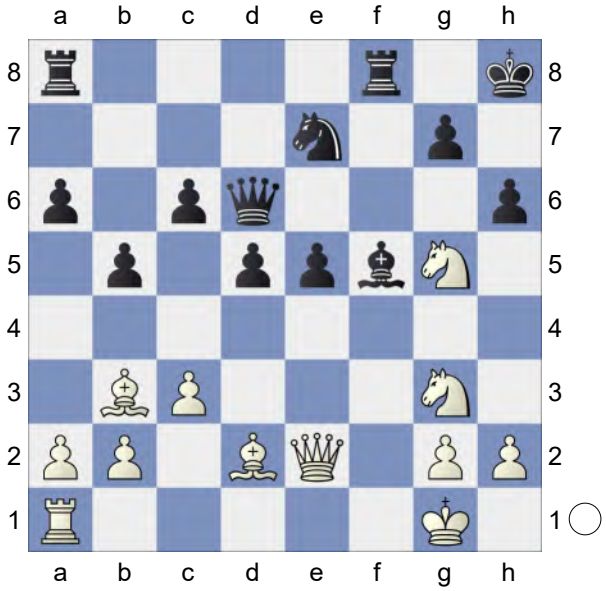
[⌓19.Be3 Kh8 0.76/20 *(19...a5!± 0.36/20)* 20.N5e4± Bxe4 21.Nxe4 Qg6



22.Ng3!∞]

[19.N5e4± 0.37/22 Qg6 20.Nc5]

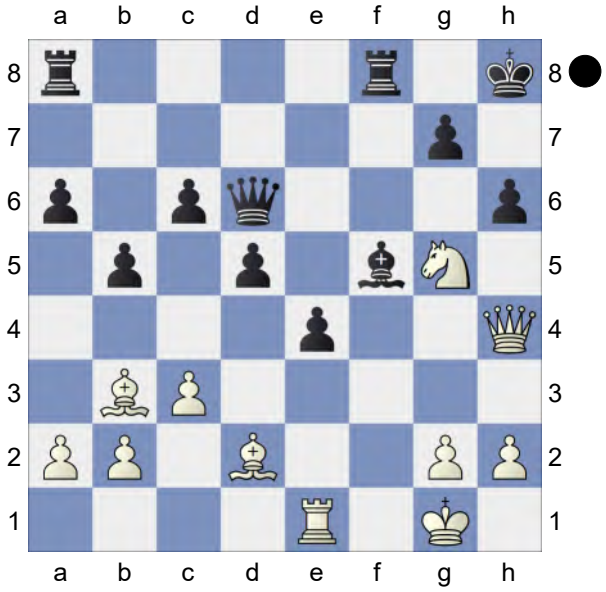
19...Kh8!∓ 20.Bd2 h6



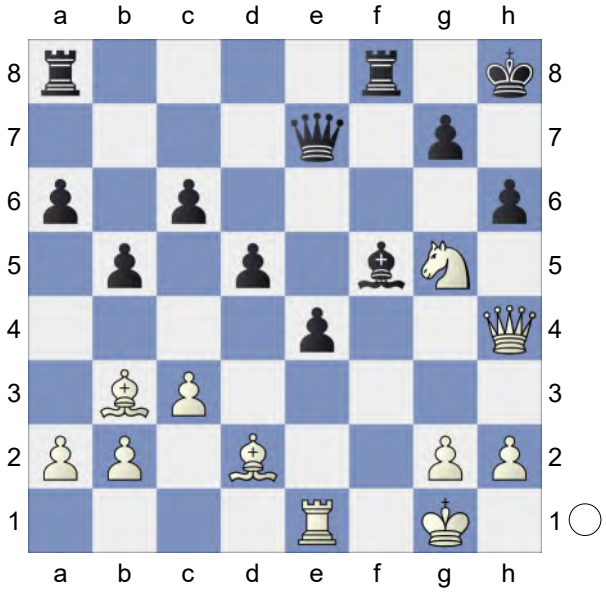
21.Re1 e4

[21...hxg5 0.22/18 21...e4 -0.32 22.Qxe5 Qxe5 23.Rxe5 Ra7 And now ...Bd3 would win. 24.Bxg5 Rf7 25.Nxf5! *(25.Bxe7 0.00/28 25.Nxf5 0.69 Raxe7 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Nxf5 Re1+ 28.Kf2 Rb1∞)*

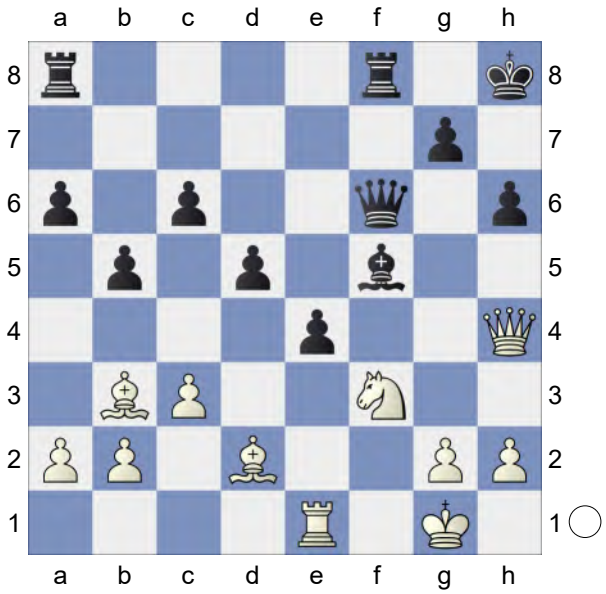
25...Nxf5 26.Re8+ Kh7 27.Bc2! Strongly threatening g4. g6! 28.Re6!± Prevents Nd6]
[21...hxg5 22.Qxe5 Qg6 23.Qxe7±]
22.Qh5 Bg6 Prevents Nf7+ **23.Qh3 Nf5 24.Nxf5 Bxf5 25.Qh4** Diagram



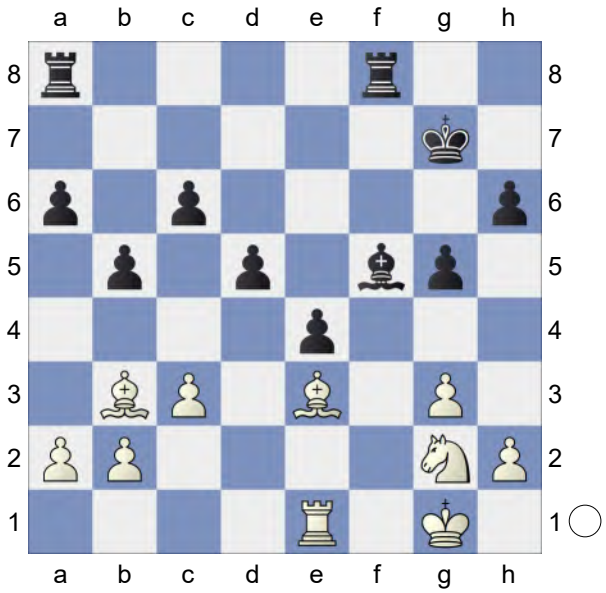
25...Qe7? 0.34/20
[25...a5∓]
[25...a5∓ -0.93/21]



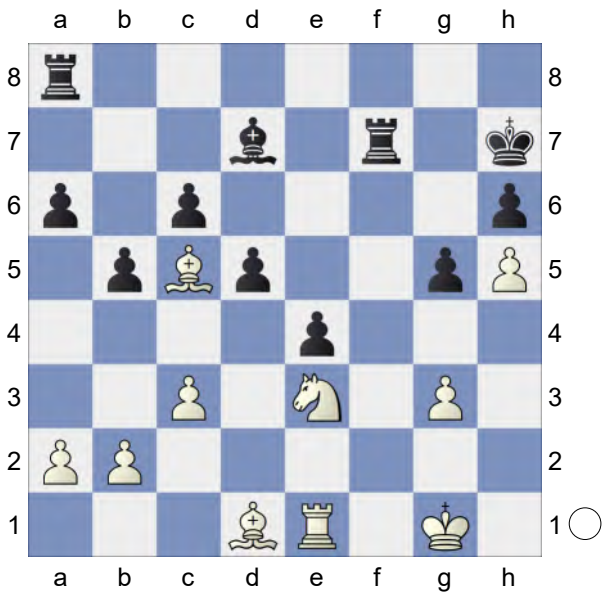
26.Nf3!↑ White is more active. Dancing on a razor blade. **26...Qxh4**
[26...Qf6 1.08/21 26...Qxh4 0.60



27.Qxf6! Rxf6 28.Nd4 Bd7 29.Be3±]
27.Nxh4 Bh7 28.g3 White has compensation. **28...g5?!** 1.39/18
[28...b4!?]
[Black should play 28...b4± 0.47/21]
29.Ng2± Kg7 30.Be3 Bf5



31.Bc5 Rf7 32.Bd1! Kg6 1.80/20
[32...a5± 1.29/18 33.Ne3 Kg6]
33.h4+- Bh3 34.h5+ Kh7 2.28/21
[34...Kf6 1.84/19 was necessary. 35.Ne3 Be6 36.Ng4+ Bxg4 37.Bxg4 Ke5]
35.Ne3 Bd7



36.Ng4 Re8 Dodges Ne5 **37.Rf1 Rxf1+ 38.Kxf1 Bxg4**

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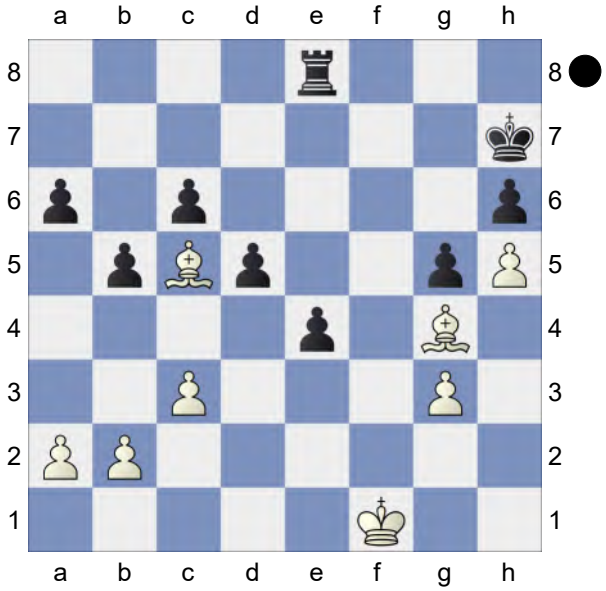
39.Bxg4



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39 **C82**

□ **Pranav,Anand** **2555**

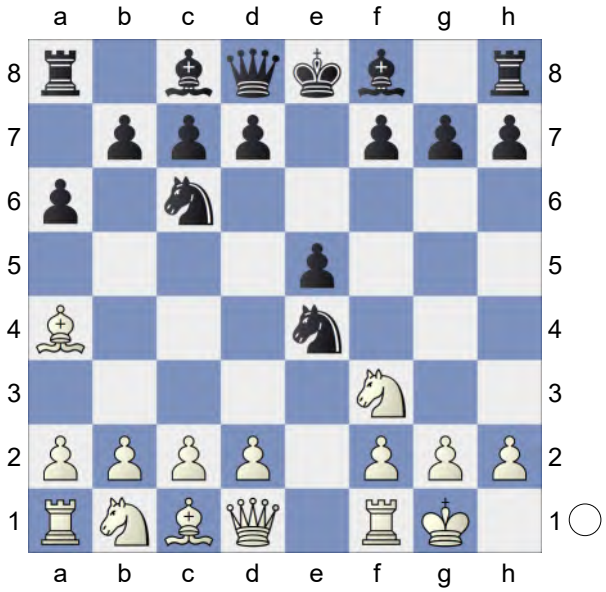
■ **Huang,Renjie** **2491**

Asian Individual 2025 (8.8) 14.05.2025

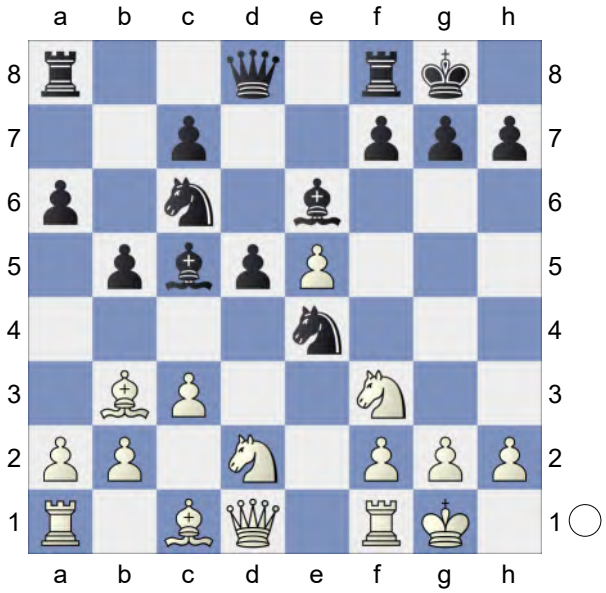
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

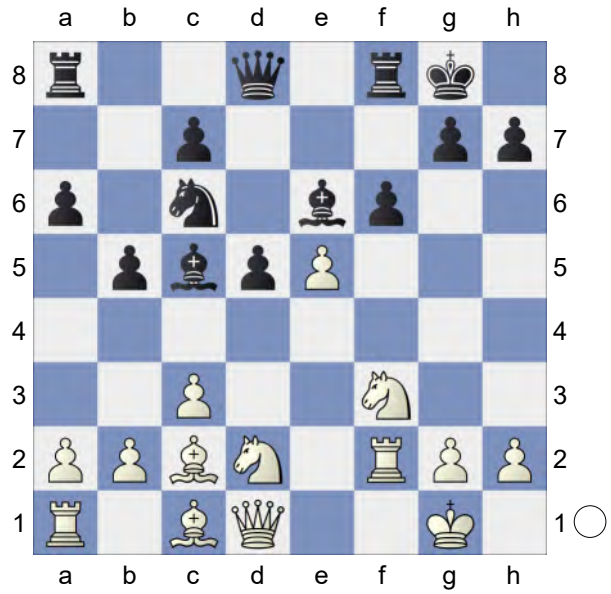
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



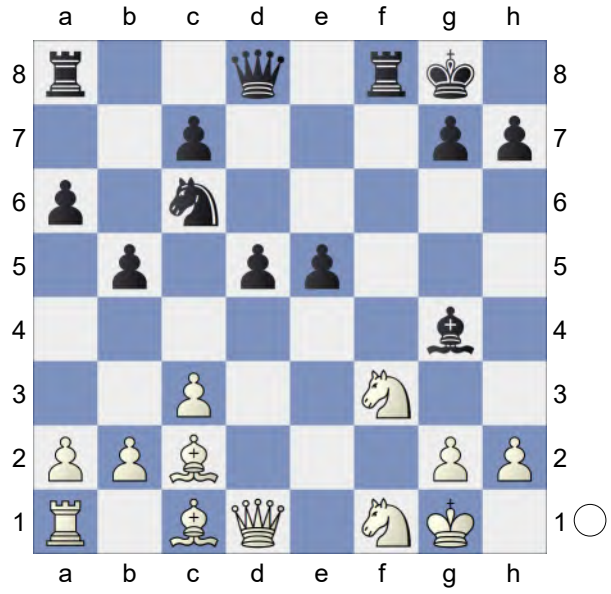
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



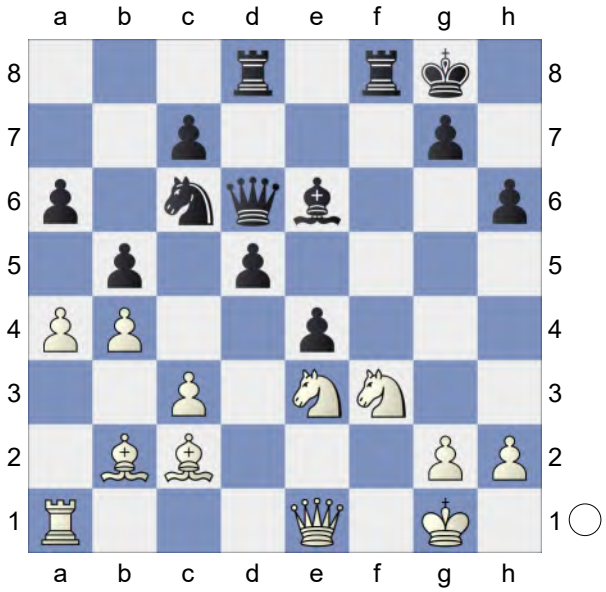
11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6



13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Bg4**

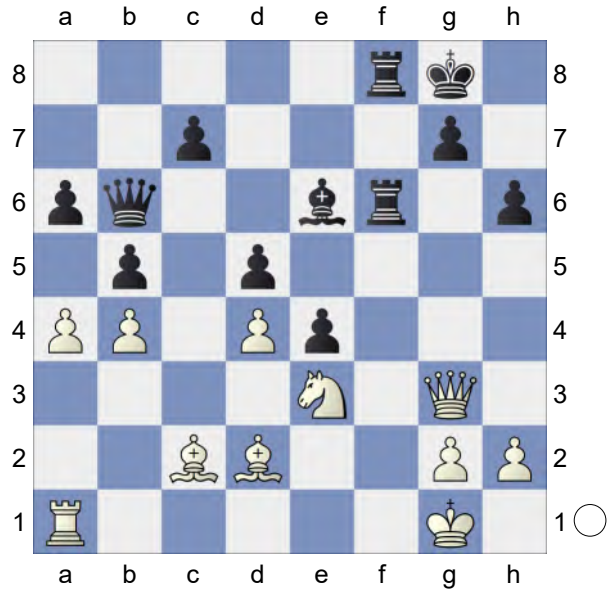


16.Ne3! White has compensation.
16...Be6 17.b4N
[17.b3
A) 17...a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 *(18...Qe7 19.Qe1* ½-½ (21) Esipenko,A (2678)-Najer,E (2676) RUS-ch 75th Cheboksary 2022 (8)*)* 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023;
B) 17...Kh8 18.Ba3 Rf4 19.Bc5 d4 20.cxd4 exd4 21.Qd3 Bg8 22.Nf5 Qd5 23.Ba3 Re8 24.Rd1 Rfe4 25.Ng3 Re3 26.Qd2 R3e6 27.Bb2 Rd8 28.Nxd4 Qc5 29.Ne4 Qe7 30.Qe3 Nxd4 31.Rxd4 Rxd4 32.Qxd4 1-0 (51) Lozon Urena,X (2855)-Trice,E (2762) 45th Rilton Cup 2015-16 (2.2);
C) 17...e4 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Qd6 20.b4 Qf4 21.Bd2 Qf2+ 22.Kh1 Rf7 23.Be1 Qe2 24.Bg3 Raf8 25.Re1 Qh5 26.a4 Qg5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Qc5 h5 29.Rg1 h4 30.Be1 h3 31.gxh3 Qe7 1-0 (50) Bjerre,J (2612)-Hector,J (2454) SWE-chT 2223 Elite 2022 (1.3)]
17...h6 18.Bb2 Qd6 19.a4 Rad8 20.Qe1 e4

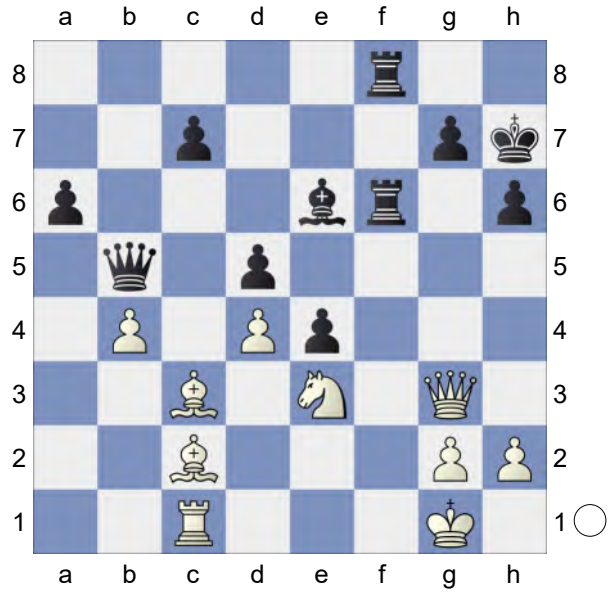


21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Rf6 23.Bc3 Rdf8 24.Qg3 Qc6 25.Bd2 0.00/20
[25.Ra3± 0.69/22]
25...Qb6 0.72/23

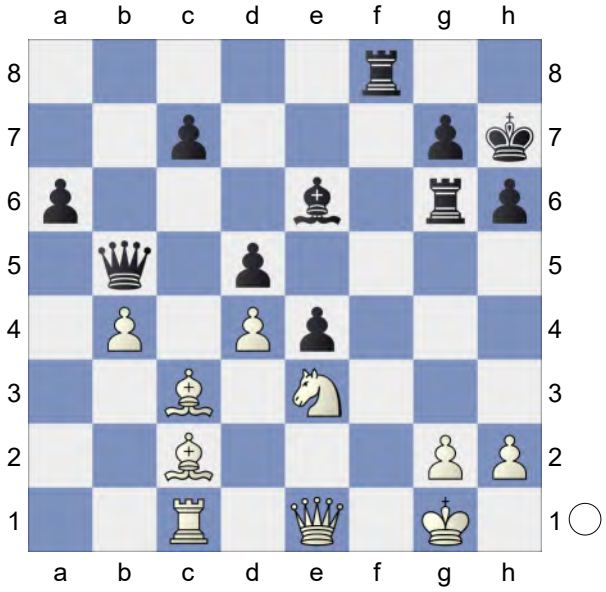
[25...Rf2!= 0.00/20 26.axb5 *(26.Qxf2 Rxf2 27.Kxf2 Bg4∓)* 26...axb5 27.Qxf2 Rxf2 28.Kxf2 Bf7]



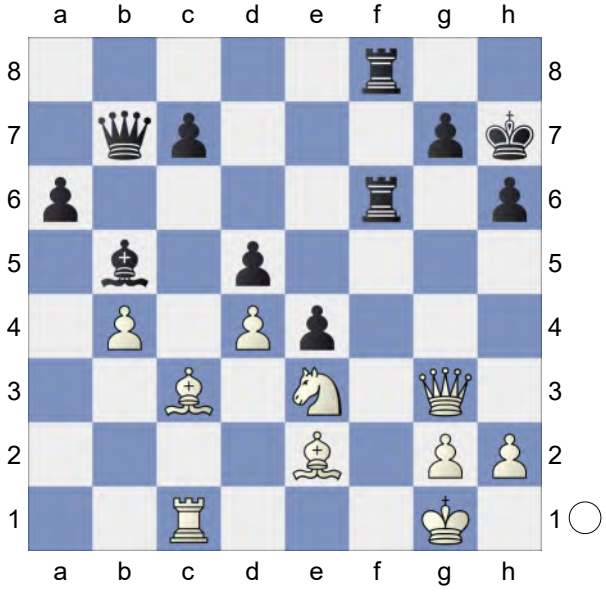
26.Bc3± Qc6 27.Bb2
[27.Ra3!?]
27...Rf2 28.axb5 Qxb5 29.Bc3! Bxe4! is in the air **29...R2f6** 0.57/22
[29...Bd7= 0.09/23 is more appropriate.]
30.Rc1 Active counter play!
[30.Qxc7? Rc8 31.Qg3 Rxc3-+]
30...Kh7



31.Qe1
[31.Qxc7? Qe2 *(31...Rc8? 32.Qe5-+)* 32.Qg3 Rf3-+]
31...Rg6 0.90/18
[31...Rf2± 0.31/19]

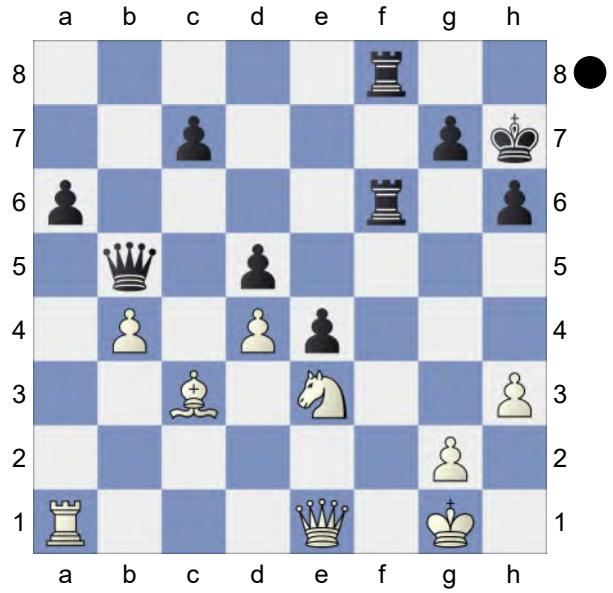


32.Bd1! Bd7 33.Bh5 Chess con chili. **33...Rgf6 34.Be2** A strong pair of Bishops. **34...Qb7 35.Qg3 Bb5**

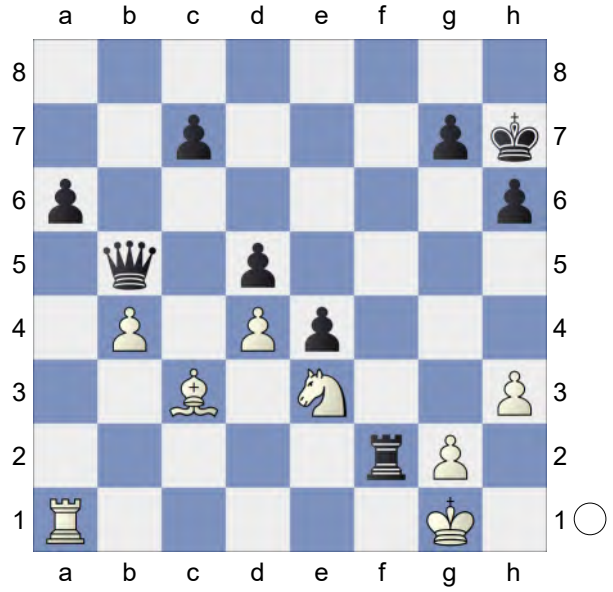


36.Bxb5 0.00/28
[36.Bg4± 0.76/24]
36...Qxb5= 37.h3 -0.36/25
[37.Qe1= 0.00/28]

37...Rg6 0.06/25
[37...Qd3∓ -0.36/25 38.Qe1 Qb5]
38.Qe1 Rgf6 39.Ra1



Rf2! 40.Qxf2
[But not 40.Ra5? Qd3 41.Qc1 *(41.Rxd5? Re2-+)* 41...Re2-+]
40...Rxf2



41.Kxf2 Black must now prevent Ra5.
41...Qd3 42.Rc1

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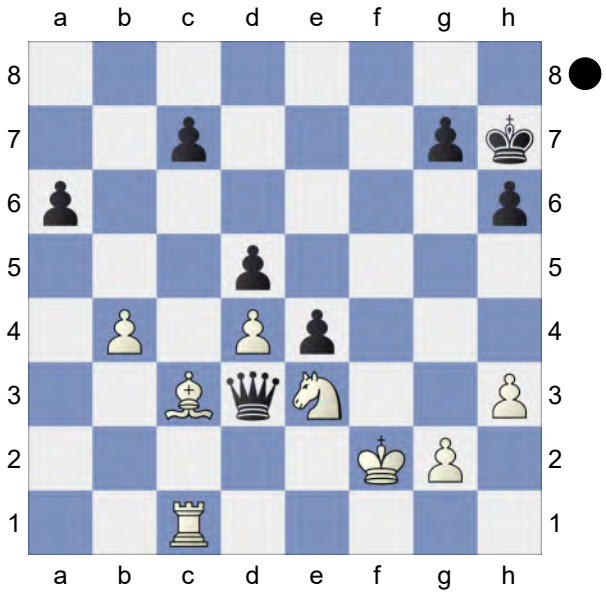
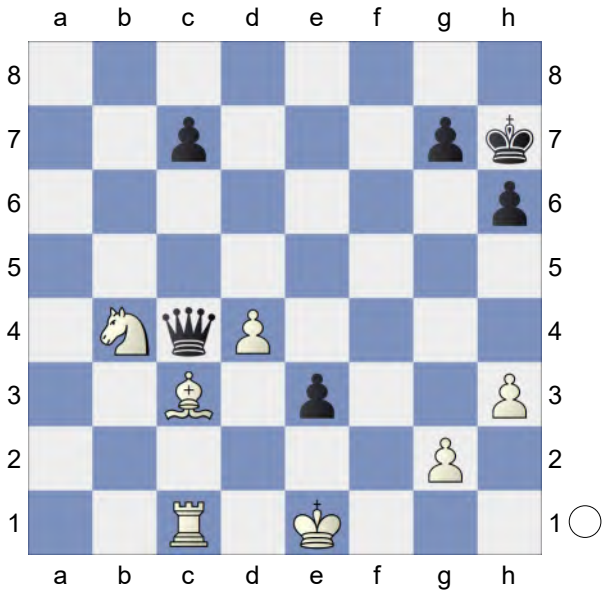
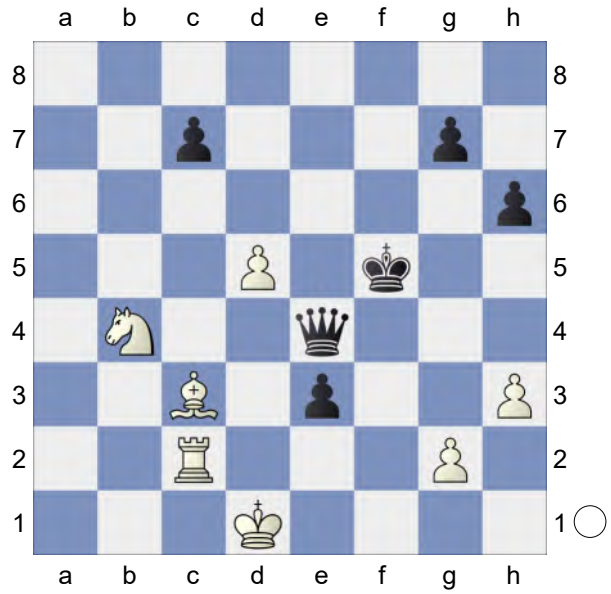


a5! And now ...axb4 would win. **43.Nxd5**
[43.bxa5 c5 44.Be1 *(44.Nxd5?* perishes. *e3+ 45.Kf3 Qf5+ 46.Kxe3 Qxd5-+)* 44...cxd4 *(44...Qxd4? 45.g3-+)* 45.Nxd5 e3+ 46.Kg1 e2-+]
43...axb4 0.28/21
[⌓43...a4 -0.26/22]
44.Nxb4 e3+ 45.Ke1
[45.Kf3 Qf5+ 46.Ke2 Qf2+ 47.Kd3 e2= *(47...Qxg2 48.Re1±)*]
45...Qc4



The position is equal. **46.Rc2 Kg6**
47.d5 Kf5 48.Kd1 Qe4 49.Ke1 Qc4

50.Kd1 Qe4



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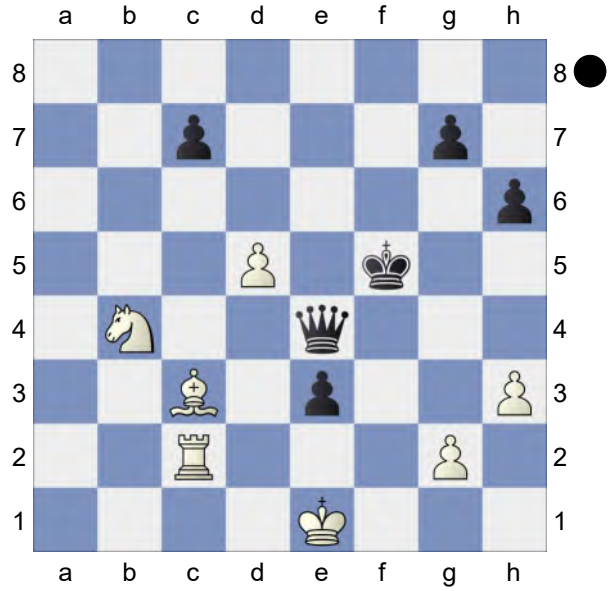
51.Ke1



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40 **C82**

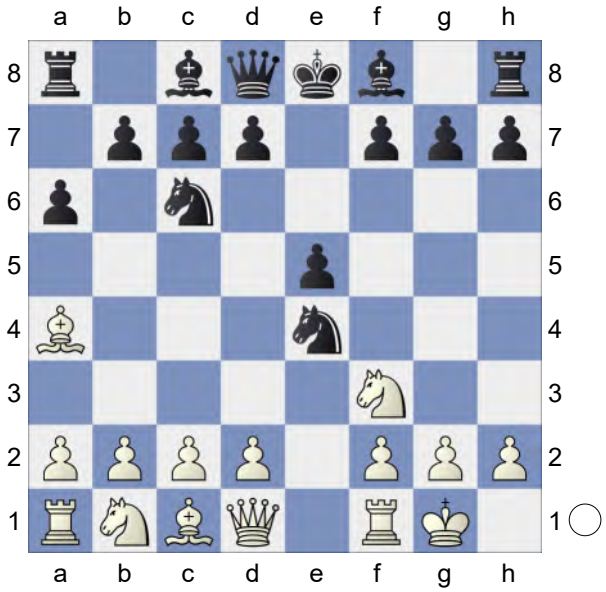
□ **Lagno,Kateryna** **2515**

■ **Koneru,Humpy** **2523**

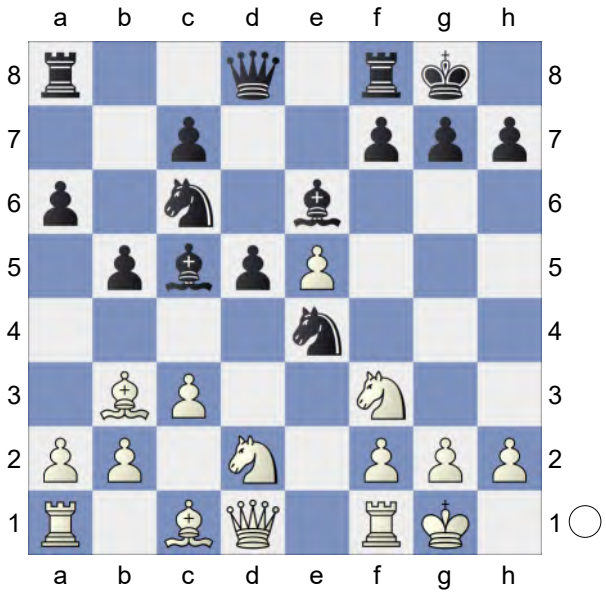
FIDE Women's Grand Prix - Monaco 202..

[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

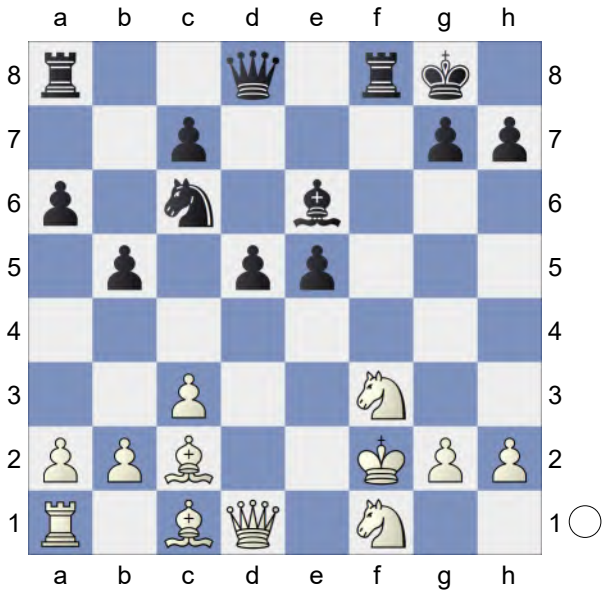


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

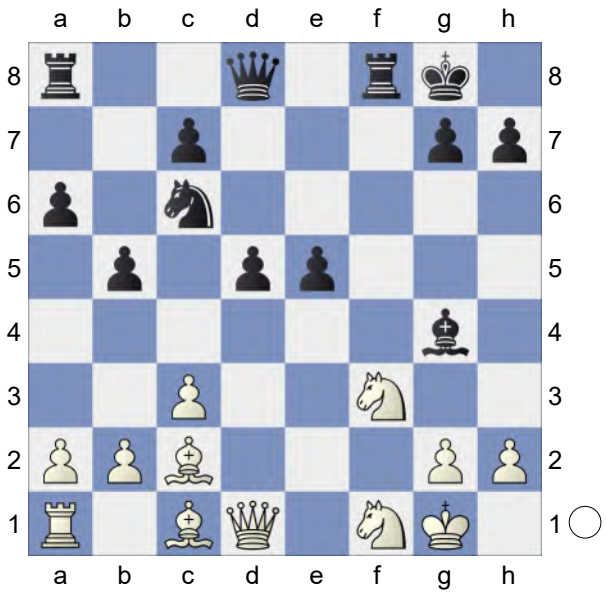


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.Nf1 Bxf2+

14.Kxf2 fxe5



White must now prevent ...e4. **15.Kg1 Bg4**



16.Ne3 White has compensation.
16...Be6 17.Nf1 -0.01/19
[17.b3± 0.46/21]
17...Bg4= aiming for ...e4. **18.Ne3** -0.01/20
[18.Bg5!± 0.46/22 Bxf3 19.Qd2 *(19.Qxf3? Rxf3 20.Bxd8 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Rxd8-+)*]
18...Be6! 19.Nf1
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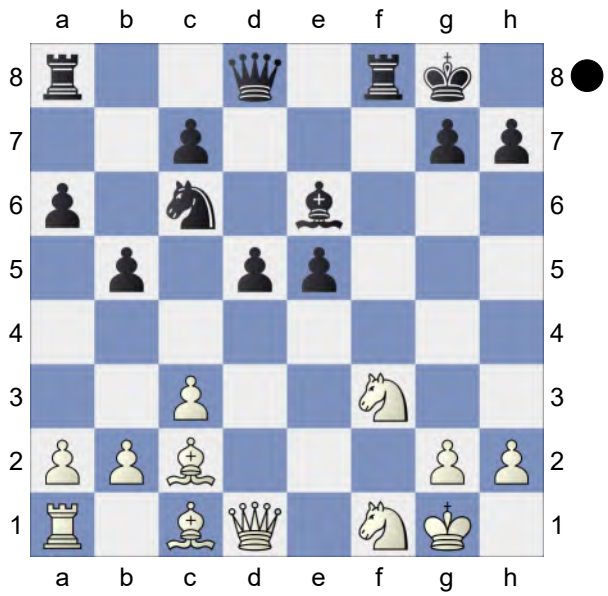
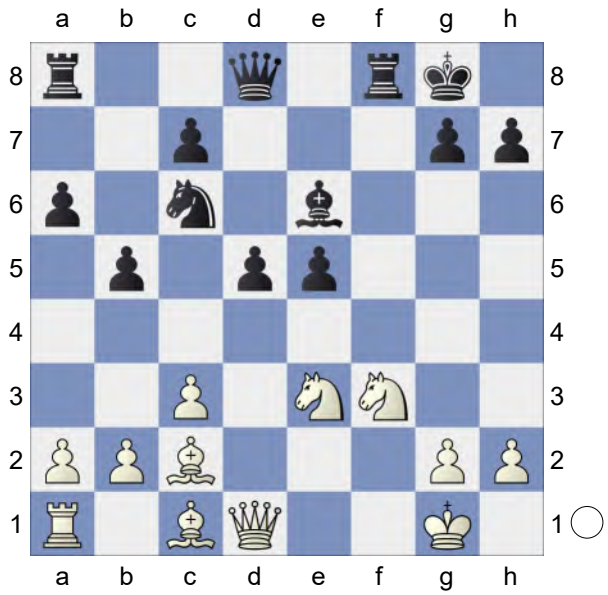


And now Bxh7+! would win. **19...Bg4**
Strongly threatening ...e4. **20.Ne3N Be6**



21.Nf1 -0.01/23
[White should play 21.b3!± 0.56/21]

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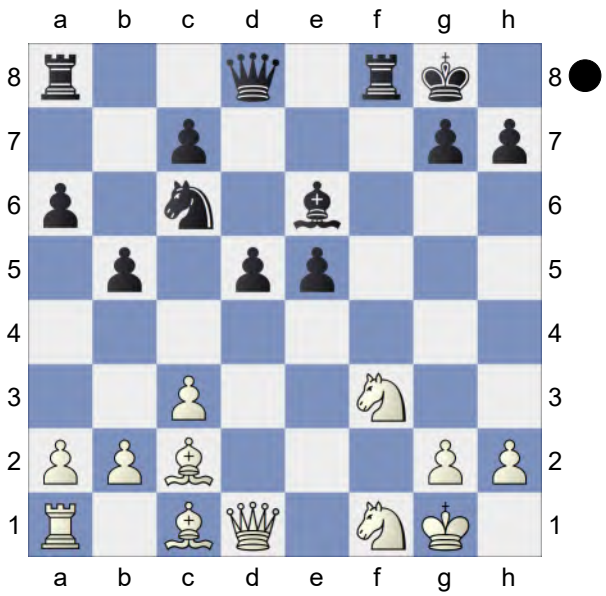

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½-½

41 **C82**
□ **Murzin,Volodar** **2634**
■ **Gholami Orimi,Mahdi** **2470**
Dubai Police Open A 2024 (6.18) 9.5.24
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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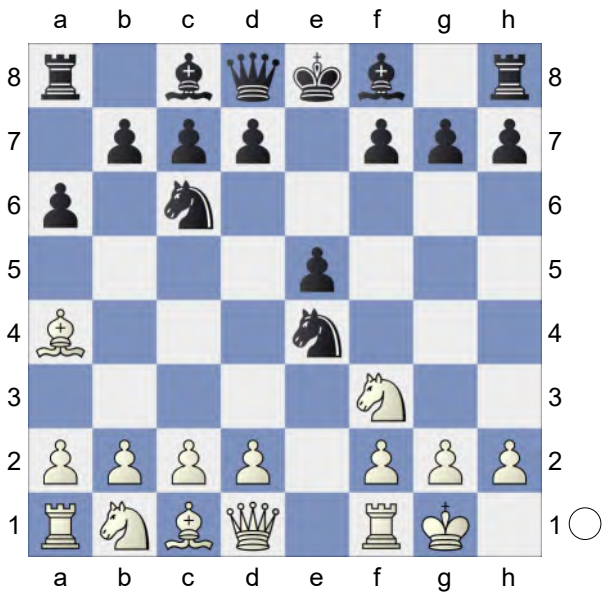

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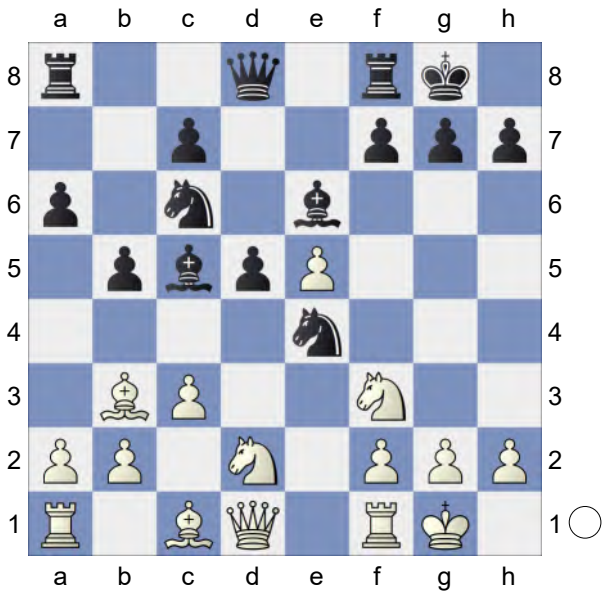

11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.Nf1

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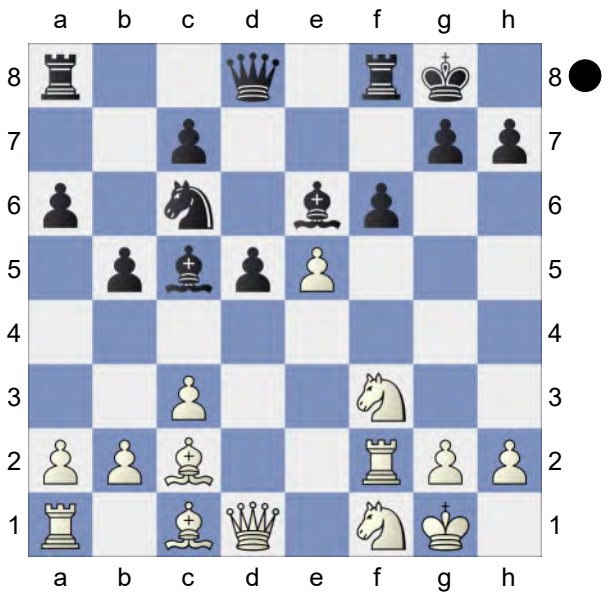
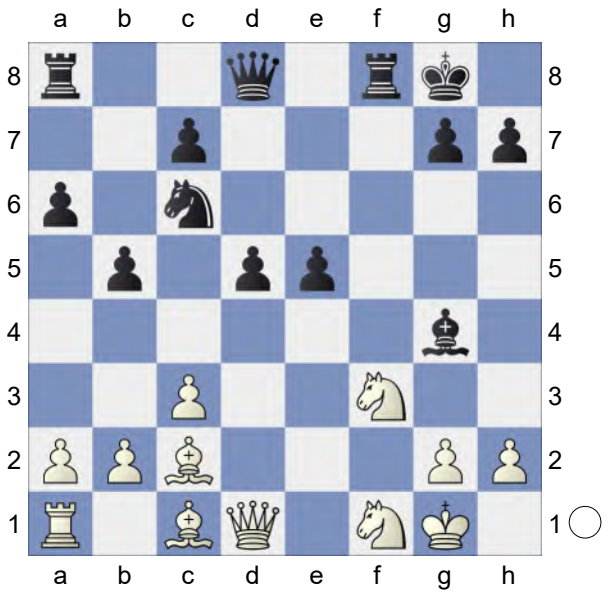
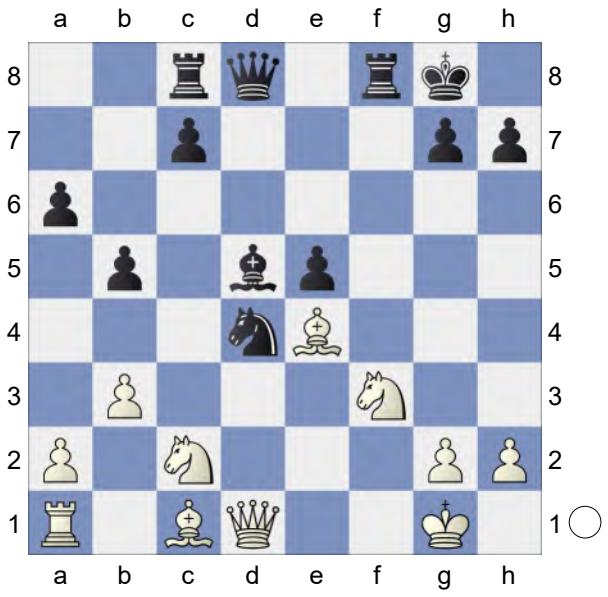


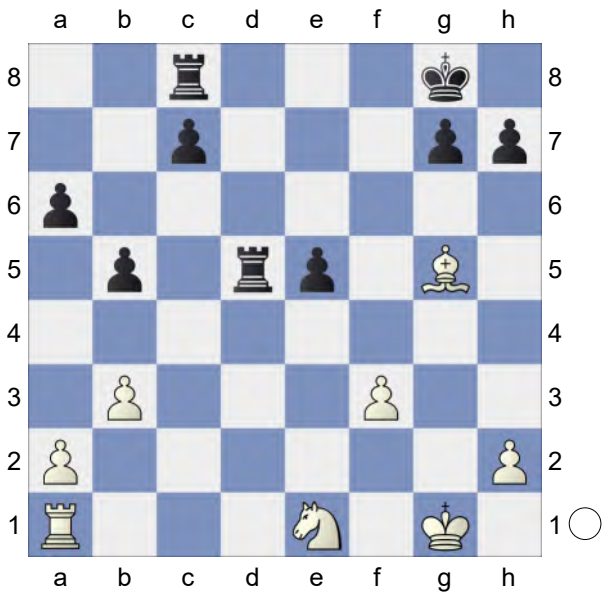
Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1
Threatens to win with Bxh7+!. White is slightly better. **15...Bg4**



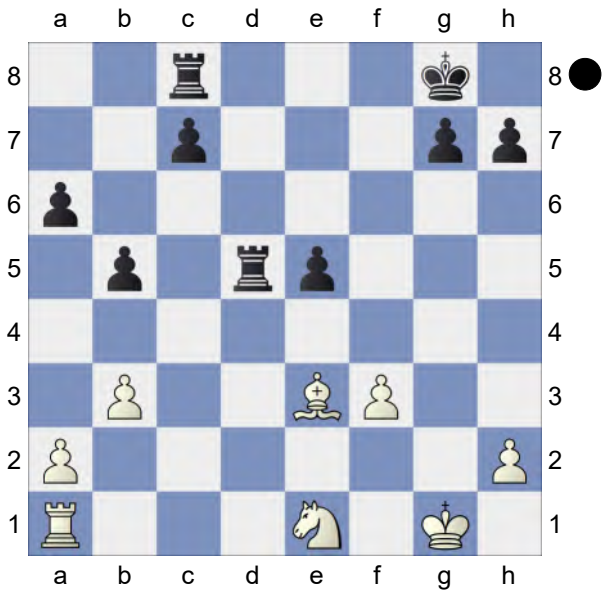
16.Ne3! White has compensation.
16...Be6 17.b3 d4
[17...a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]
18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Be4N
[19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Bb2 dxe3 *(20...c5 21.Qh5 h6 22.Qg6 Rf6 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Bd1* 10. Ruy Lopez Open-Open 6...b5,9*)* 21.Qh5 g6 22.Bxg6 Qe7 23.Re1 Rf2 24.Rxe3 Rxb2 25.Bxh7+ Kg7 26.Rg3+ Kf8 27.Be4 10. Ruy Lopez Open-Open 6...b5,9]
19...Rc8 0.75/20
[19...c6!= 0.16/19 remains equal.]
20.Nc2 -0.39/22
[20.Nxe5 Qf6 21.Bb2 *(21.Qxd4 Qf2+ 22.Kh1 Qe1+)* 21...Qf2+ *(21...Qxe5 22.Qxd4 Qxd4 23.Bxd4±)* 22.Kh1 Qxb2=]
[20.Bb2± 0.75/20 Rf4 21.Bb7 *(21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Qd3 c5∓)*]
20...Bd5∓



21.Bg5!
[21.Nxe5? Bxe4 22.Nxd4 Qd6-+ *(22...c5? 23.Ba3-+)*]
21...Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Bxf3
[22...Qxg5 23.Qxd5+ Kh8 24.Re1=]
23.Qxd8 Rfxd8 24.gxf3 -0.87/19
[24.Bxd8∓ -0.43/21 Be4 25.Be7 Bxc2 26.Rc1]
24...Rd3 25.Ne1 Rd5

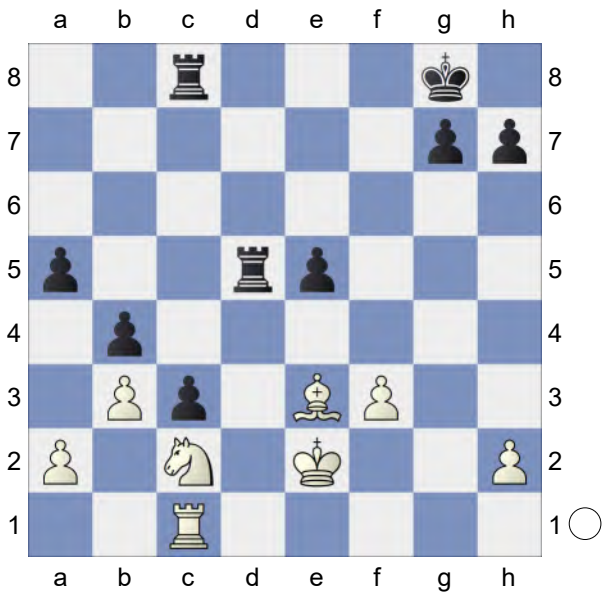


26.Be3 -1.61/24
[26.Kf2∓ -0.91/21]

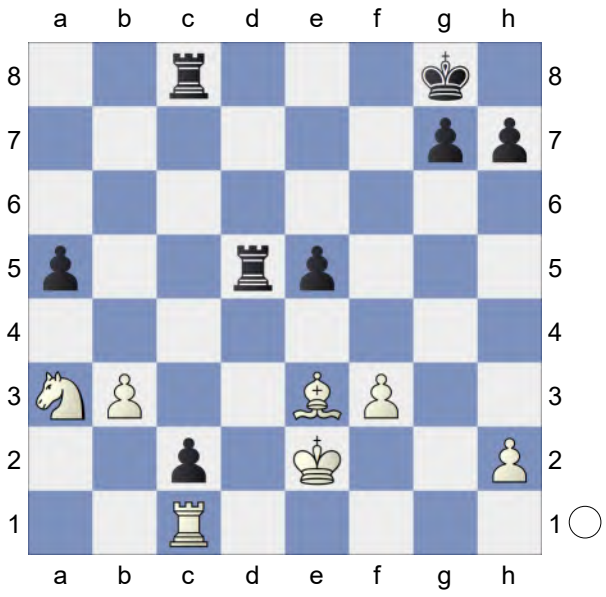


26...c5 -0.95/22
[26...Rcd8!-+ -1.61/24 and ...Rd1 would now be decisive 27.Kf1 Rd1]
27.Kf2∓ c4 -0.64/20
[27...a5∓ -1.04/21 28.Nc2 c4]
28.Ke2∓ b4 29.Rc1 c3 30.Nc2 a5 -0.17/17
[Better is 30...Rb8∓ -0.69/21]

(Diagram)



31.a3= bxa3 32.Nxa3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
32...c2

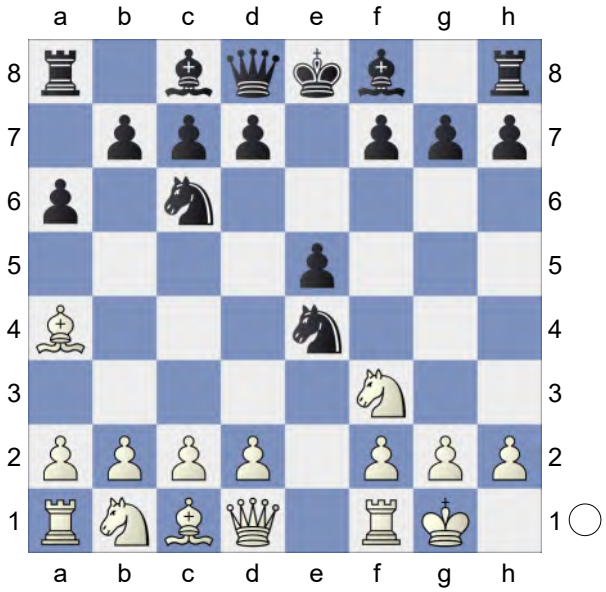


½-½

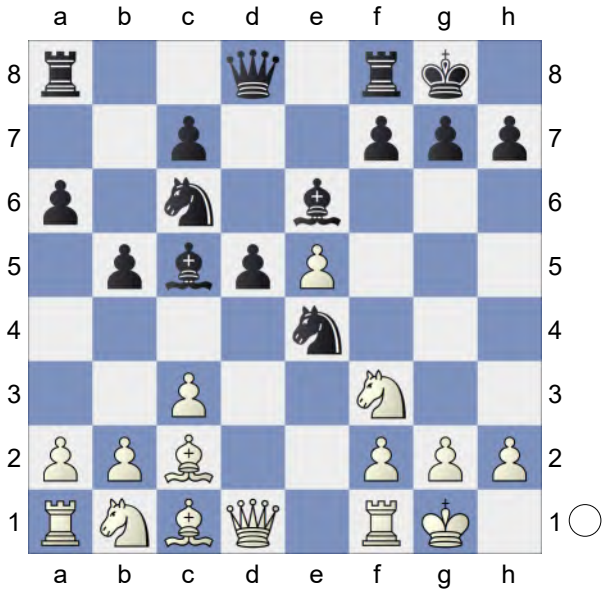
42 **C82**
□ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2603**
■ **Ohanyan,Emin** **2489**
Julius Play-In 2023 (7.49) 24.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

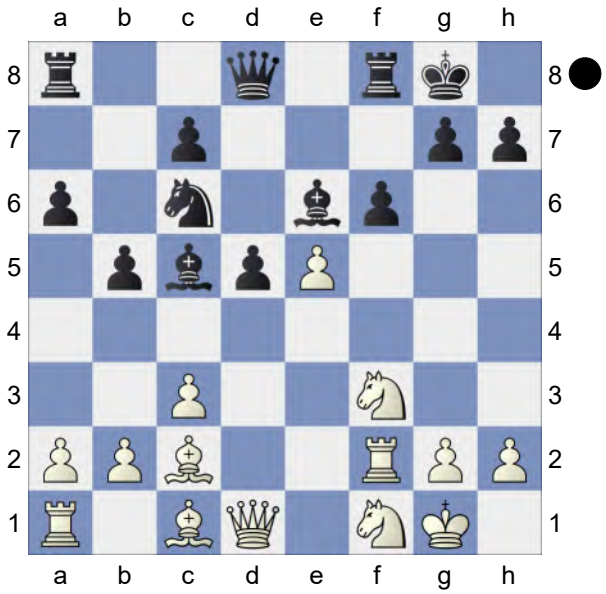
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



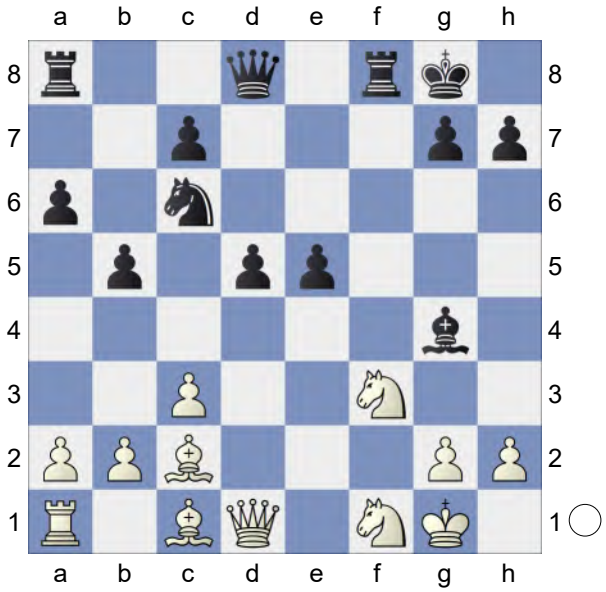
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Bc2 0-0



11.Nbd2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.Nf1



Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1
White is slightly better. **15...Bg4**



16.Bb3N -0.44/21 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

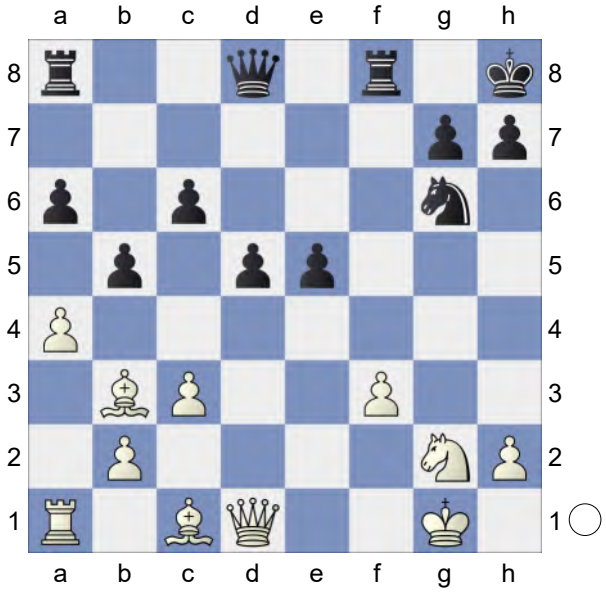
[16.Ne3!± 0.46/18 Be6 *(16...Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ne7 18.Qd3 g6 19.Ng4 Nf5 20.Nxe5 Qd6 21.Bf4 Rae8 22.Re1 c5 23.Re2 Ng7 24.Bg3 Nh5 25.Nf7 Qd7 26.Rxe8 Rxe8 27.Nd6 Re6 28.Ne4 Qc6 29.Ng5 Re8 30.f4 Ng7 31.Nf3* 1-0 (45) Li,W (2106)-Latorre,V (1949) Quebec op Laval 2022 (5)*)*

17.Nf1 *(17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2* ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023 *)*]

16...Ne7∓ 17.Ne3N Dodges c6

[Predecessor: 17.Bg5 Bxf3! 18.gxf3 and Bxe7 would now be decisive c6 19.Qe2 Qd6 20.Re1 Ng6 21.Ng3 -0.97/20 Prevents Rf5 *(21.Be3∓* -0.55/19 deserves consideration.*)* 21...Rae8 -0.57/19 *(21...Rf7∓* -0.97/20 And now ...h6 would win. *22.h4 Re8)* 22.Bc2 -0.96/17 *(22.Be3∓* -0.57/19 *)* 22...h6 -0.34/19 *(22...Nf4∓* -0.96/17 *23.Qd2 Qd7)* 23.Be3 -0.96/17 0-1 Narayanan,S (2535)-Lodici,L (2492) Titled Tuesday intern op 4th Febr blitz 2020 (2) *(23.Bd2!∓* -0.34/19 *)*]

17...Bxf3 18.gxf3 c6 19.Ng2 Ng6 20.a4 Kh8

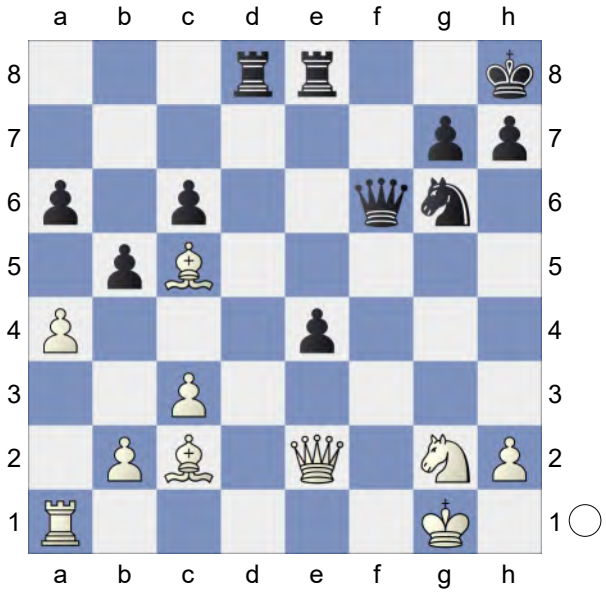


21.Be3 Qf6 0.22/19

[21...Qe7∓ -0.45/18]

22.Bc5= White has compensation.

22...Rfe8 23.Qe2 Rad8 24.Bc2 e4 0.90/19 **25.fxe4± dxe4**



26.Rf1

[26.Bxe4? Qe5 27.Bb6 Rb8 28.axb5 *(28.Ba7? Ra8-+)* 28...axb5-+ *(28...Rxb6 29.bxa6 Rbb8 30.Ra4∓; 28...Qxe4 29.Qxe4 Rxe4 30.bxa6±)*]

26...Qe5 27.Qe3 0.19/19

[27.Bd4± 1.19/20 Qg5 *(27...Rxd4 28.cxd4 Qxd4+ 29.Kh1±)* 28.Kh1 *(28.Bxe4 bxa4 29.Be3 Qb5=)*]

27...Qd5 1.66/19

[27...Qh5!= 0.19/19 and Black stays safe. 28.axb5 *(28.Bxe4? Rxe4 29.Qxe4 Qxc5+ 30.Qe3 Qd5-+)* 28...Ne5]

28.axb5 axb5 1.73/20

[28...Qd2± 1.31/18]

29.b4 1.32/16

[29.Bd4+- 1.73/20]

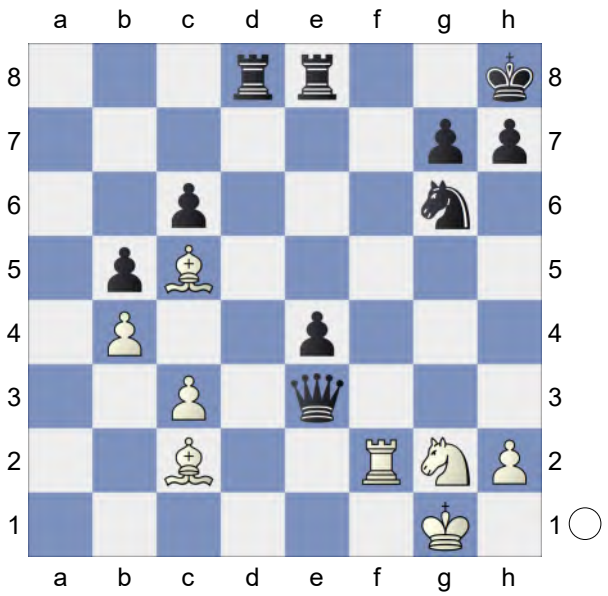
29...Qd2 30.Rf2 0.71/18

[30.Bxe4? Qxe3+ 31.Nxe3 Rxe4-+]

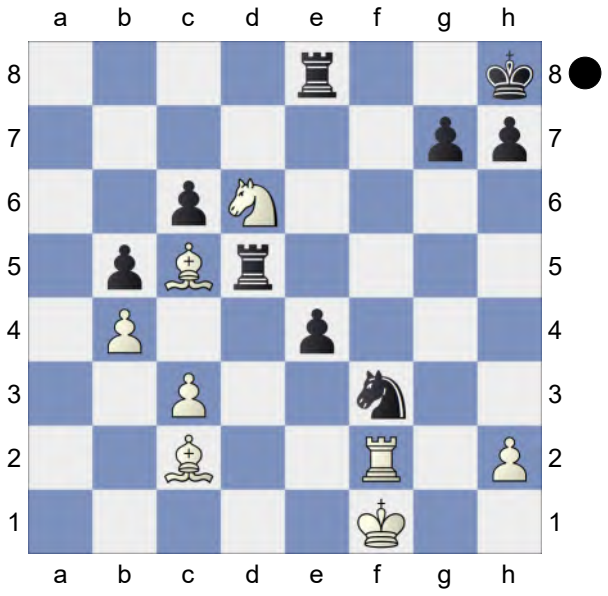
[White should try 30.Qxd2 1.35/20 Rxd2 31.Rf2]

30...Qxe3

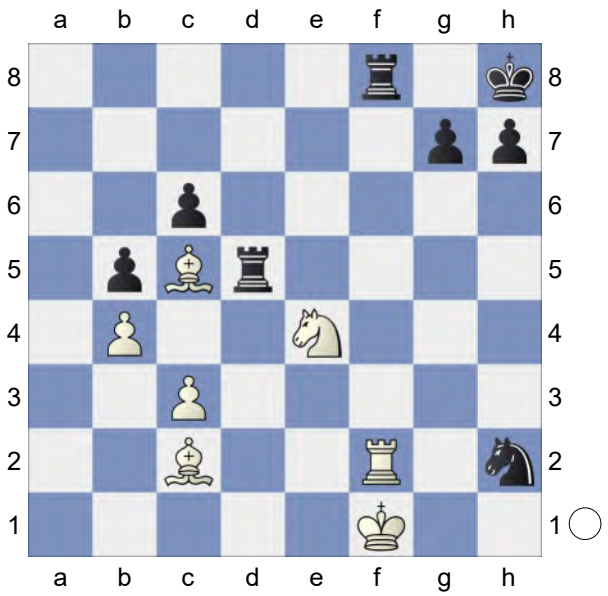
(Diagram)



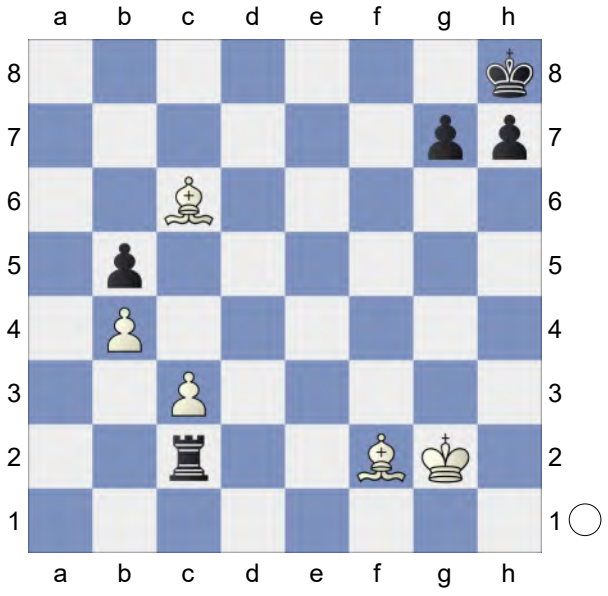
31.Nxe3 Black is on the road to losing.
31...Nh4 1.42/21
[Black should try 31...Ne5!± 0.65/21]
32.Kf1 Nf3 33.Nf5 Rd5 2.32/22
[33...Ra8± 1.41/17 keeps fighting.]
34.Nd6



Deflection **34...Rf8 35.Nxe4**
[35.Bxe4?! Rd1+ 36.Ke2 Rd2+ 37.Ke3 Rxf2 38.Kxf2 Nd2+ 39.Ke3 Nxe4 40.Kxe4 *(40.Nxe4 Rf5±)* 40...Rf6]
35...Nxh2+
(Diagram)

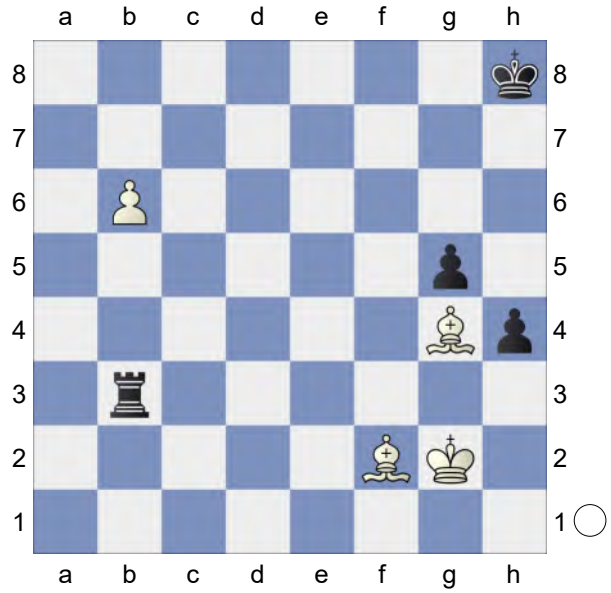


36.Kg2 Rxf2+ 37.Nxf2
[37.Kxf2?! Rf5+ 38.Ke2 Ng4±]
37...Ng4 38.Be4
[Less strong is 38.Nxg4 Rd2+ 39.Kh3 Rxc2±]
38...Rd2 39.Bxc6 A strong pair of Bishops. **39...Nxf2?** 4.05/23
[39...h5 2.34/20 40.Bxb5 Rc2]
40.Bxf2+- Rc2

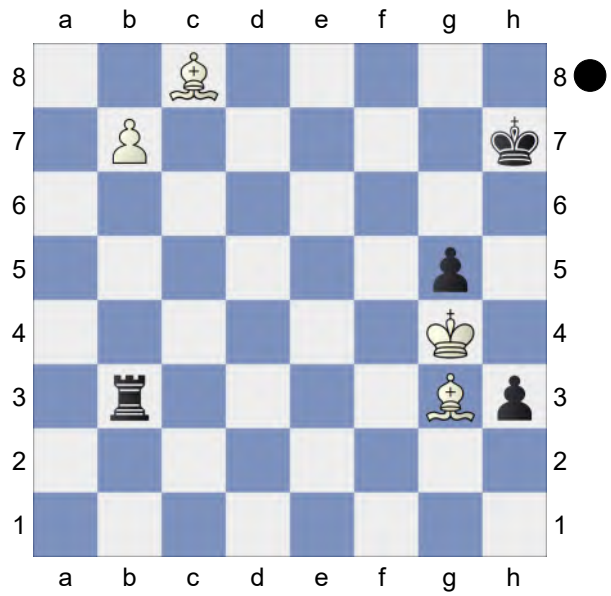


41.Bxb5 Rxc3 42.Be2 Rb3 5.33/22
[⌓42...Rc2 3.39/19]
43.b5 h5 44.b6
[44.Bxh5 Rxb5 45.Bf3 Rb4=]

44...h4 45.Bg4
[Stronger than 45.Bxh4 Rb2=]
45...g5



46.Bc8 Rb2 47.Kf3 Intending Bd4+ and mate. **47...Kh7** 6.63/23
[⌓47...Rb3+ 4.46/19 48.Kg4 h3]
48.b7 h3 49.Bg3
[49.Bxh3 Rxb7 50.Be6 Kg7±]
49...Rb3+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.77
50.Kg4



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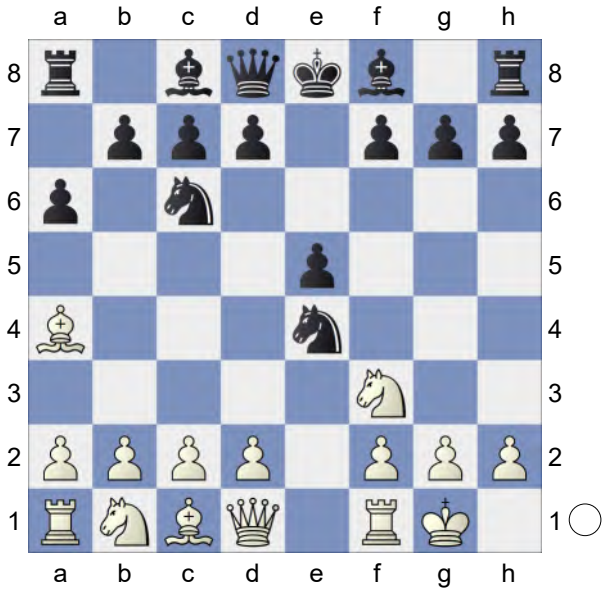
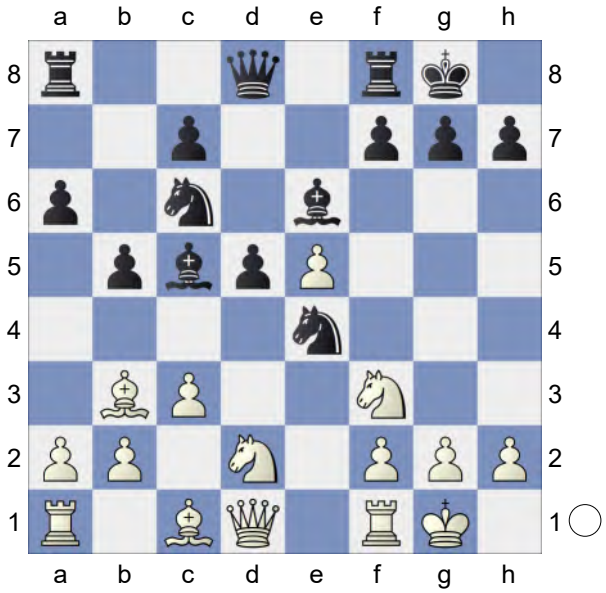
43 **C82**
□ **Duchessai** **2838**
■ **Bekbot** **2316**
Rapid 22.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min+2sec
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...Bg4N** 1.07/20

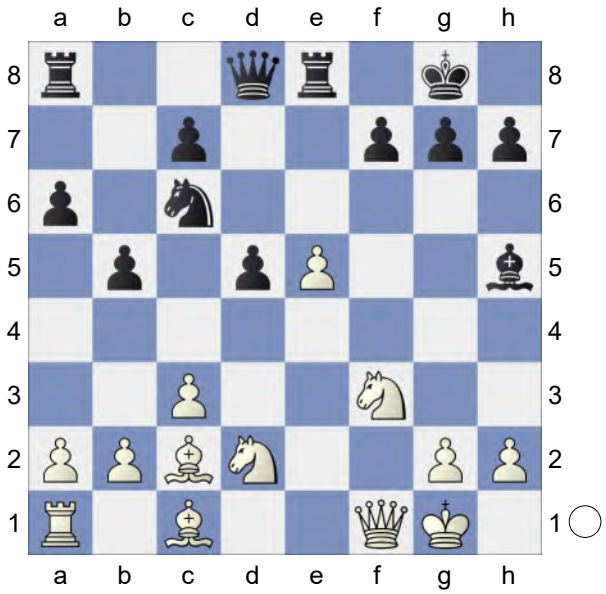
[13...f6± 0.39/21 14.Kg1 fxe5 15.Nf1

A) 15...Qd7 16.Bg5 *(16.a4 Kh8 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qh5 g5 21.Bxg5 Kg8 22.Bf6 Nc4 23.Qg5+ Kf8 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Bd4 Nd6 26.Qf6 Rf8 27.Qe5 Kf7 28.Ne3 Ke8 29.Nxd5 Kd8 30.Nf6 Qf7* ½-½ (54) Janssen,H (2611)-Winkler,T (2663) 3rd ACP Blitz Prelim1 2004 (14.7)*)* 16...Rae8 17.Qd2 d4 18.Ng3 h6 19.Bh4 dxc3 20.Qxc3 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Nd4 22.Bd1 Rf8 23.Ne4 Bc4 24.Kg2 Rf4 25.Be1 Qf5 26.Nd2 e4 27.Bg3 exf3+ 28.Kf2 Rg4 29.Nxc4 bxc4 30.Bxf3 1-0 (39) Vachier Lagrave,M (2750)-Caruana,F (2786) Bucuresti 152/130 2022;

B) 15...Bg4 16.Ne3 Be6 17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6 26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 1-0 (58) Vachier Lagrave,M (2722)-Deac,B (2668) Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (15.3);

C) 15...Qd6 16.Bg5 *(16.Be3 Bf5 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7 20.Re1 c5 21.Ng3 Bd3 22.Qd2 c4 23.Bd1 Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7 25.Nh1 e4 26.Nd4 Qg6 27.h4 Nc5 28.h5 Qd6 29.Bg4 h6 30.Qe3 Qf4* 0-1 (74) Mecking,H (2567)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2687) Corus-B Wijk aan Zee 2009 (11)*)* 16...e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.Ne3 Bd7 19.Bh4 Molina,R (2864)-Fandino,R (2642) 102/58 Gibraltar 2008]

14.Qf1 Bh5 15.Kg1 Re8

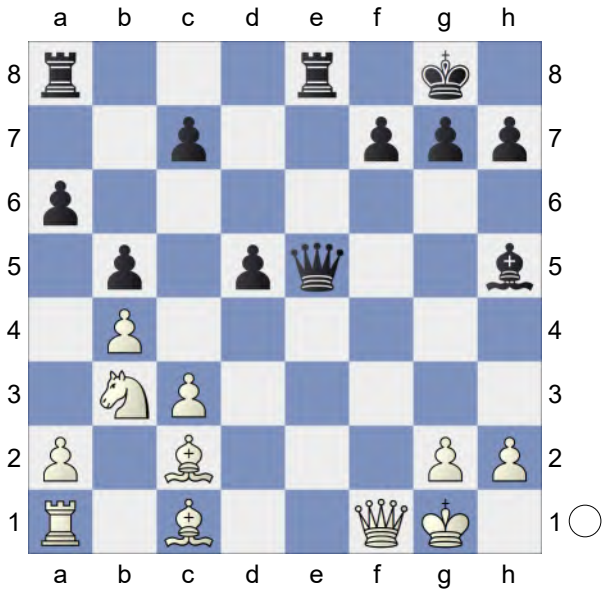


16.b4

[16.Nb3 seems wilder. Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qh4 18.Qf4]

16...Qe7 17.Nb3→ Black is in trouble.

17...Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5



19.Bd2 Qd6 20.Qf4 Qxf4

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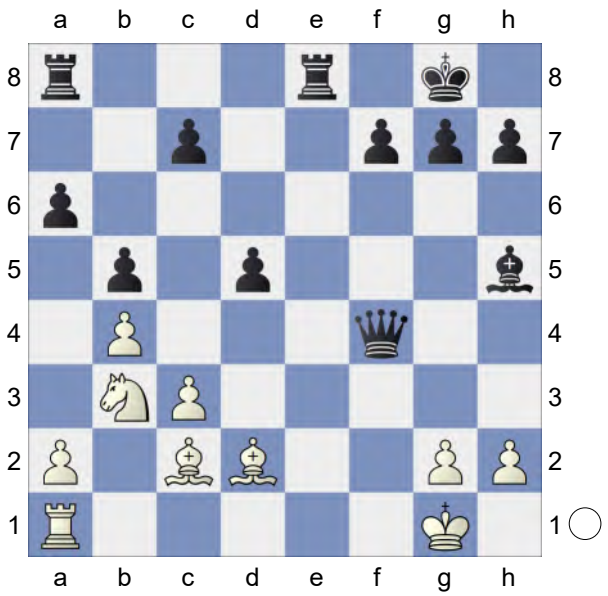
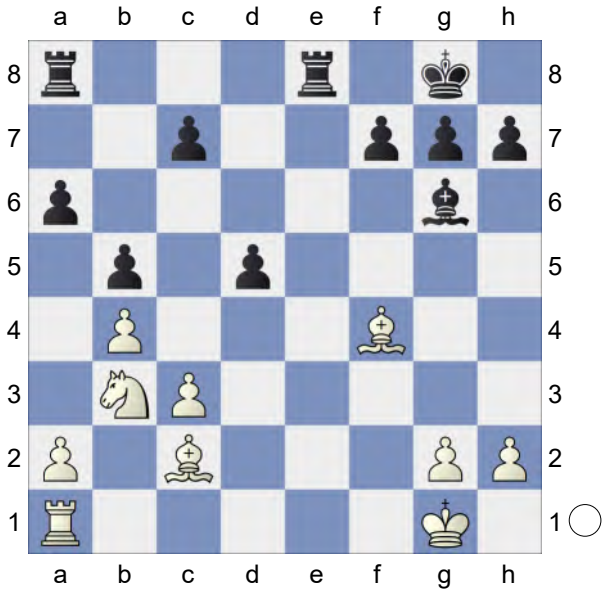


21.Bxf4 Bg6



22.Bd1 White has strong compensation. A strong pair of Bishops. **22...Re4** 2.13/19

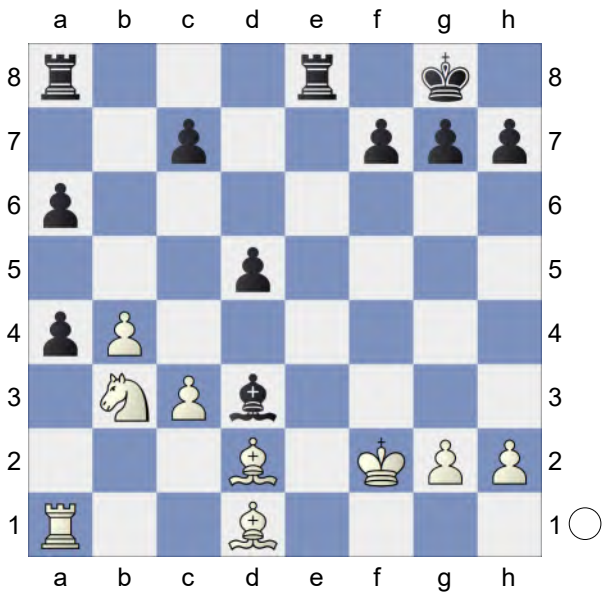
[22...Re1+± 1.34/16 is a better defense. 23.Kf2 Rh1]

23.Bd2+-

[23.Bxc7?! Rc8 24.Bg3 Re3± *(24...Rxc3 25.Bf3∓)*]

23...Ree8 24.a4 Bd3 25.Kf2 bxa4

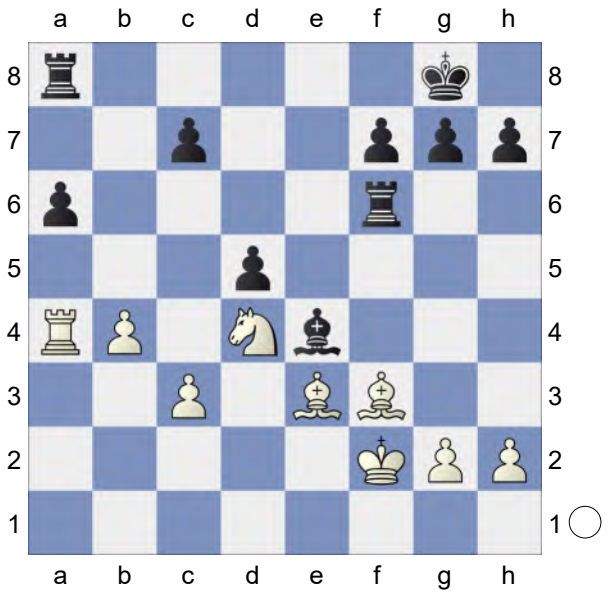
(Diagram)



26.Rxa4 Re6 27.Bf3

[27.Nc5?! Rf6+ 28.Bf3 Be4±]

27...Rf6 28.Bg5 Rf5 29.Be3 Be4 30.Nd4 Rf6



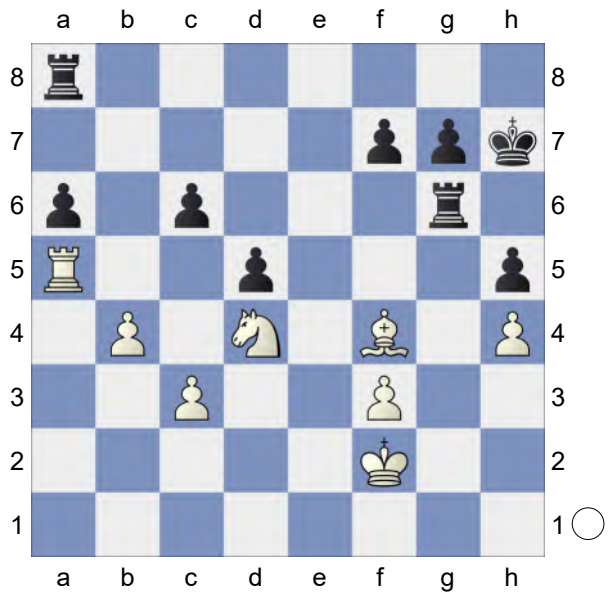
31.Bg5 Rg6 32.Bf4 Bxf3 33.gxf3

[33.Kxf3?! Rf6±]

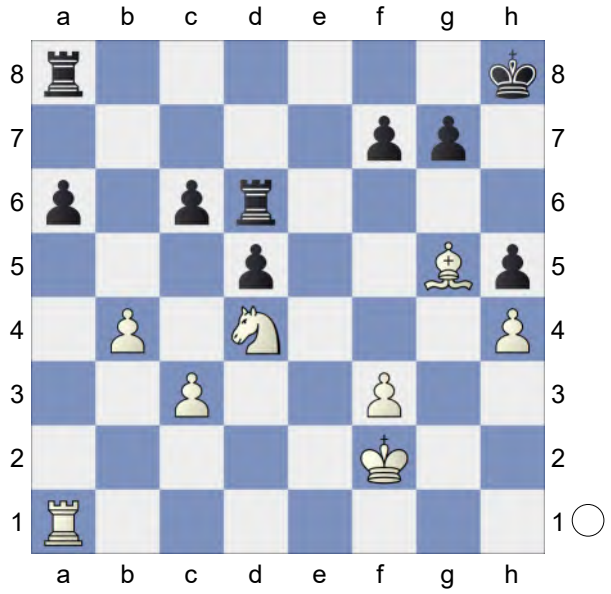
[33.Nxf3?! Rc6±]

33...c6 34.Ra5 h5 35.h4 Kh7

(Diagram)



36.Be5 Re8 37.Bf4 Ra8 38.Bg5 Rd6 39.Ra4 Kg8 40.Ra1 Kh8



41.Ra5 Kh7 42.Ra2 Kg8 43.Be3 Kh7 44.Ra5 Rf6 45.Rc5 Rc8

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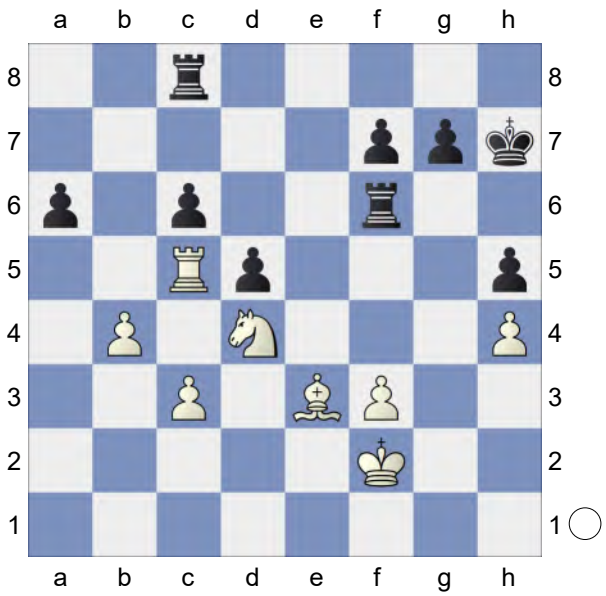
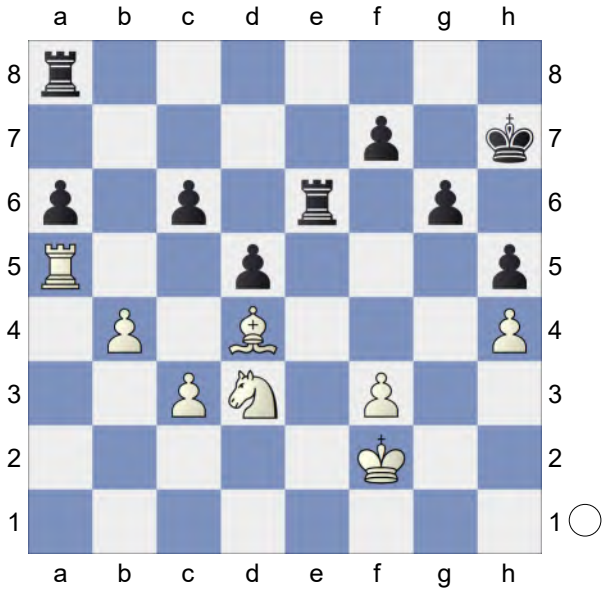


46.Ne2 Re6 ...Rce8 would now be deadly. **47.Bd4 g6 48.Nf4 Ree8 49.Nd3 Re6 50.Ra5 Ra8**



51.Nf4 Ree8 52.Ra1 Kh6 53.Nh3 Kh7 54.Nf4 Kh6 55.Nh3 Kh7

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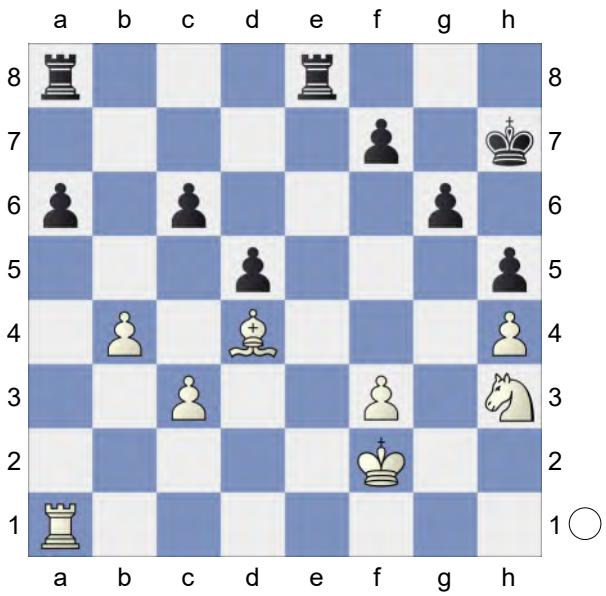
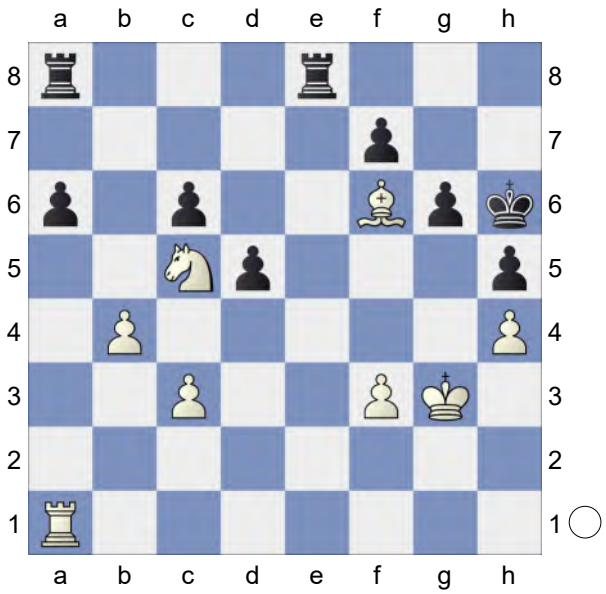


56.Kg3 Re7 57.Nf2 Re6 58.Nd3 Kh6 59.Nc5 Re7 60.Bf6

[60.Nxa6 g5±]

60...Ree8



61.Kf4

[61.Nxa6?! Re6 62.Bg5+ Kg7+-]

61...Kh7 62.Ra5

[62.Rxa6 Rxa6 63.Nxa6 Re6+-]

[Not 62.Nxa6 Re6 63.Be5 f6±]

62...Kg8 63.Bd4

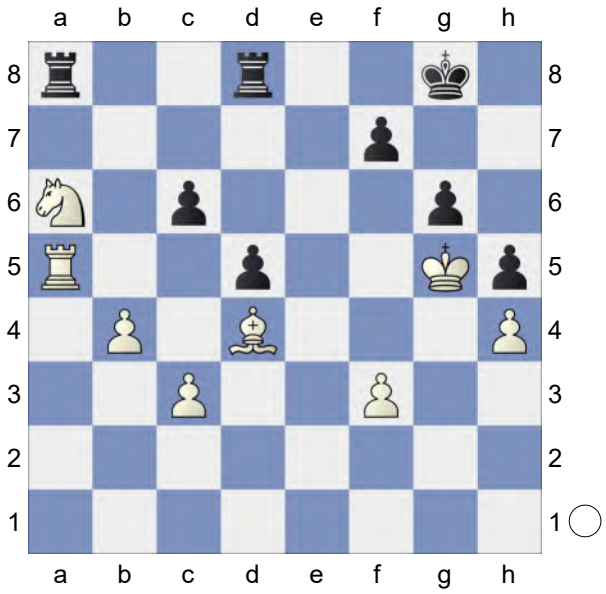
[63.Rxa6 Rxa6 64.Nxa6 Re6+-]

63...Red8 64.Kg5

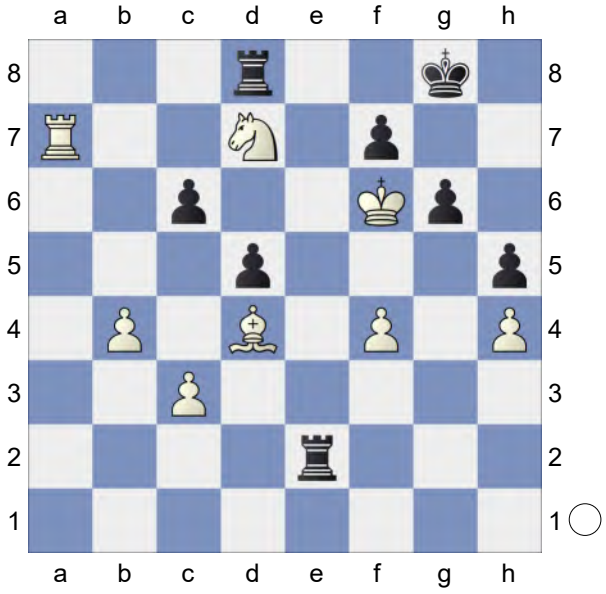
[Much less strong is 64.Nxa6 Rd7 65.Kg5 Kh7+-]

[64.Ke5 Ra7 65.Ra1 *(65.Rxa6 Re8+ 66.Kd6 Rxa6+-; 65.Nxa6 Re7+ 66.Kf6 Re1+-)* 65...Kh7 66.Rxa6 *(66.Nxa6 Re8+ 67.Kf4 Raa8+-)* 66...f6+ 67.Ke6 Re8+ 68.Kd6 *(68.Kxf6 Rf8+ 69.Ke5 Rxa6±)* 68...Rxa6+-]

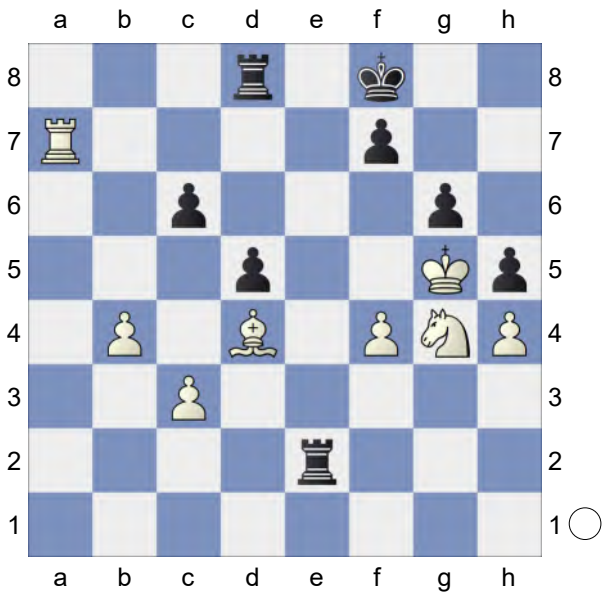
64...Kh7 65.Nxa6 Kg8



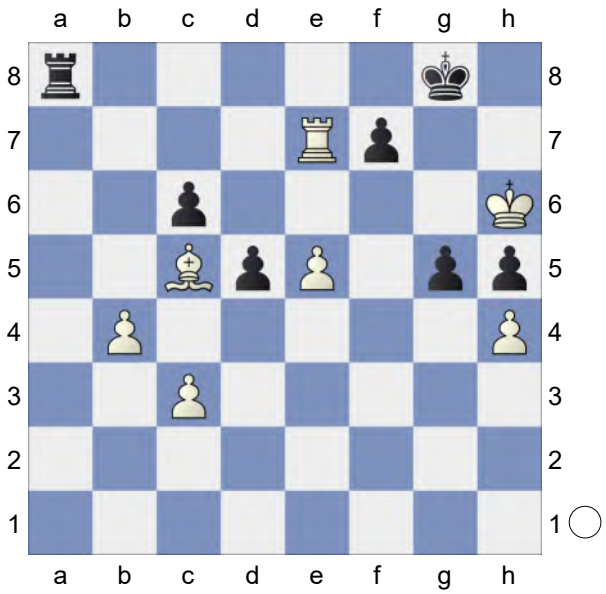
66.Nc5 Re8 67.f4 Kf8 68.Kf6 Kg8 69.Nd7 Rad8 70.Ra7 Re2



71.Kg5 Kh7 72.Kf6 Kg8 73.Kg5 Kh7 74.Nf6+ Kg7 75.Ng4+ Kf8

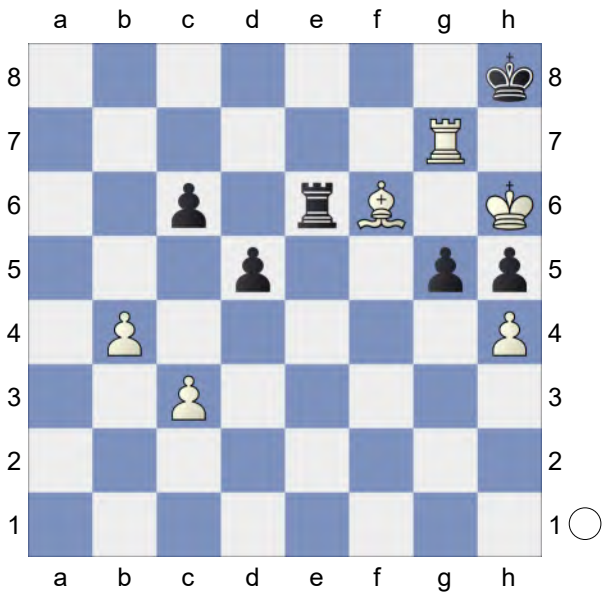


76.Ne5 Rxe5+ 77.fxe5 Endgame Threatens to win with Kf6. KRB-KR **77...Re8 78.Bc5+ Kg8 79.Re7 Ra8 80.Kh6** White mates. **80...g5**



81.e6 fxe6 82.Rg7+ Kh8 83.Bd6 e5 84.Bxe5 Re8 85.Bf6 Re6

(Diagram)



86.hxg5 c5 87.Rg6+ Rxf6 88.gxf6 d4 89.f7 cxb4
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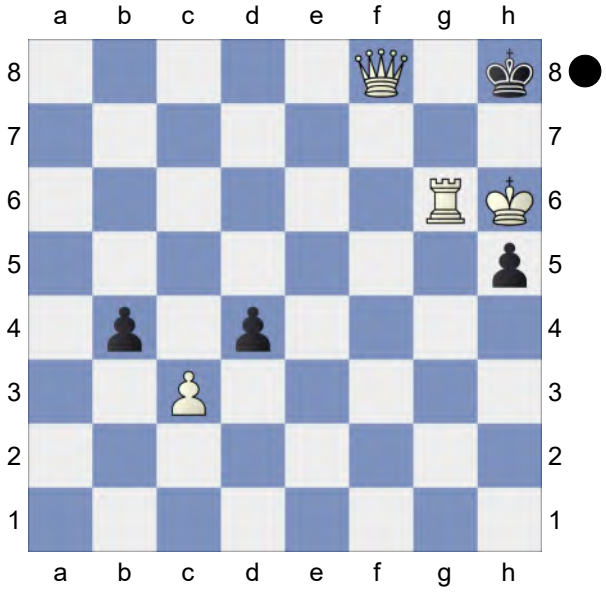
90.f8Q#



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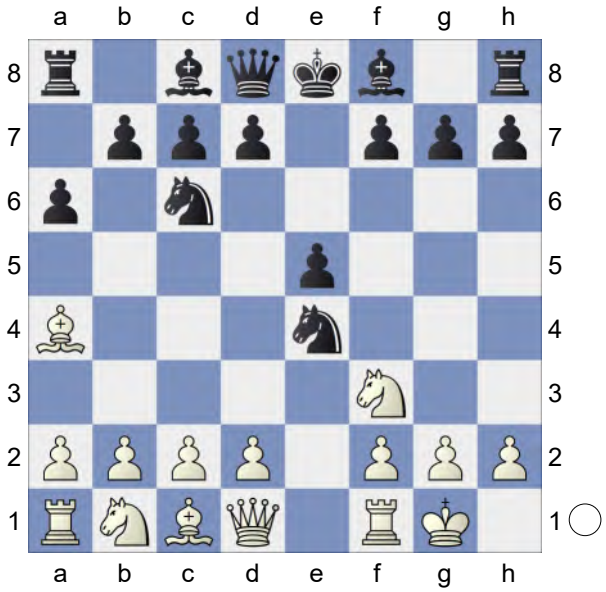
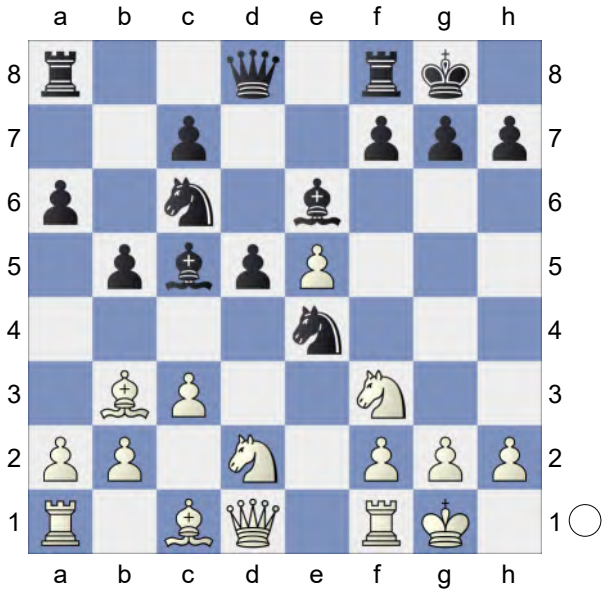
44 **C82**
□ **Bjerre,Jonas Buhl** **2612**
■ **Hector,J** **2454**
TCh-SWE Elitserien (1.3) 14.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

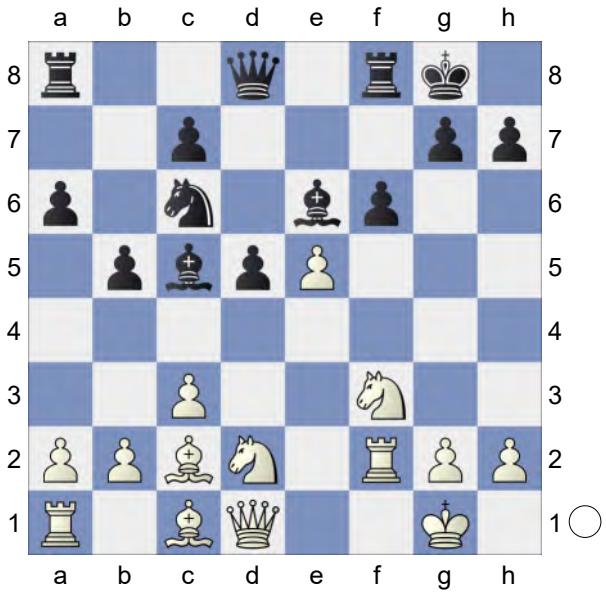
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



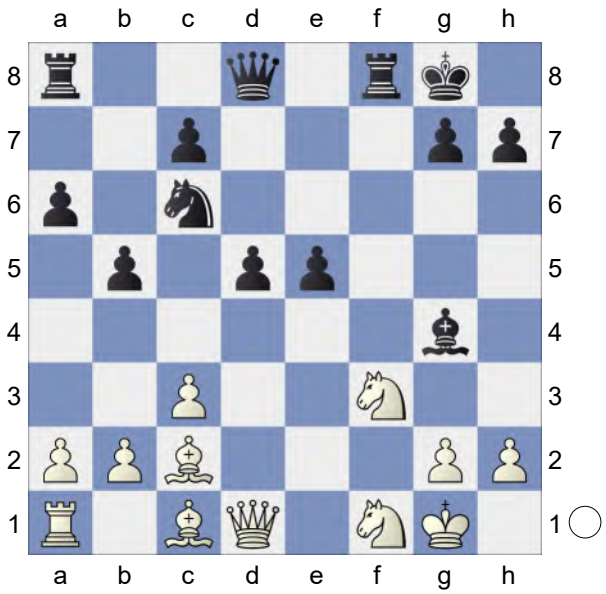
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

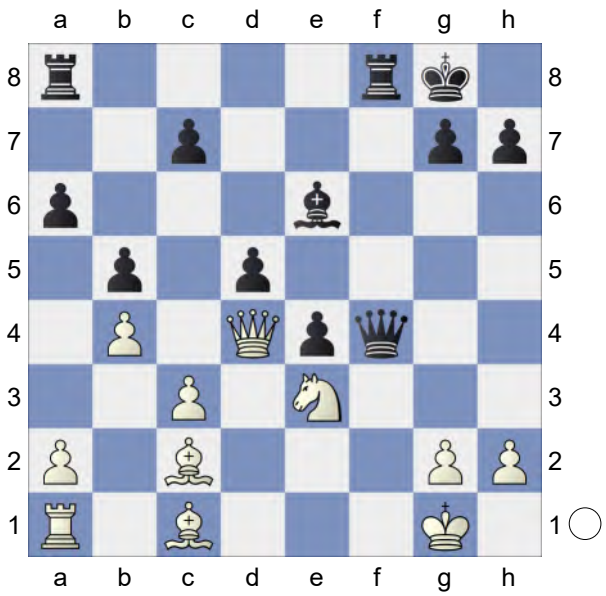


13.Nf1! ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 13.exf6. **13...Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1** White is slightly better. **15...Bg4**



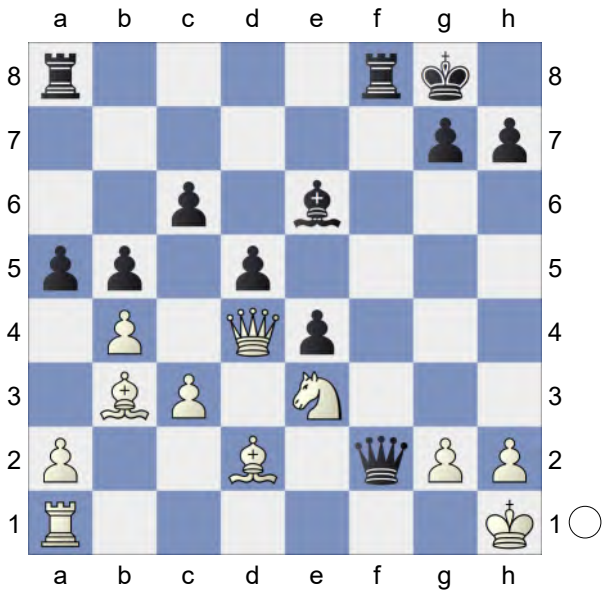
16.Ne3 Be6 17.b3 e4 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Qd6 Prevents Ba3 **20.b4** White has compensation. **20...Qf4**

(Diagram)



(-> ...Qf2+) **21.Bd2↑** White fights for an advantage. **21...Qf2+ 22.Kh1 Rf7N** 1.09/23

[Vorgänger: 22...a5 23.Bb3 c6



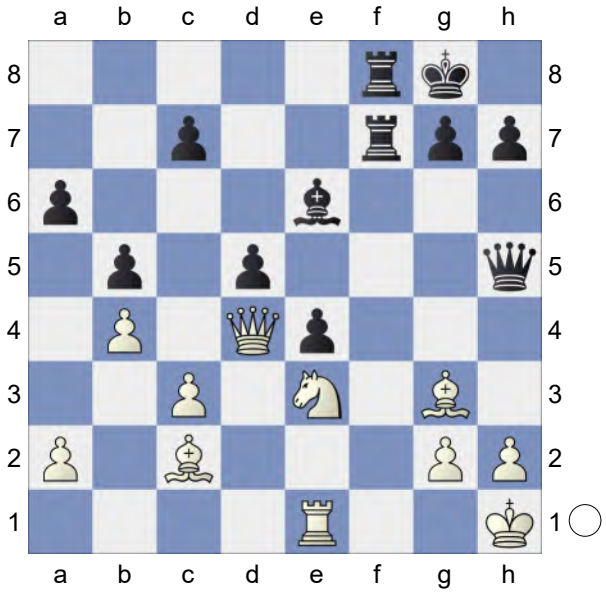
24.Rg1! a4 25.Bc2 Rf6 26.Be1 Qf4 Hoping for ...Rh6. 27.Bg3 0.34/21 *(27.Bd1± 0.84/24)* 27...Qg5 28.Re1 -0.04/19 *(28.Bd6± 0.59/20)* 28...Raf8= 29.Be5 Rf2 30.Bg3 R2f6! 31.Be5 Rf2 ½-½ (31) Hakobyan,A (2621)-Sindarov,J (2571) Sharjah 2021]

[22...a5± 0.65/20 was preferable.]

23.Be1± Qe2 1.62/20

[23...Qf4± 1.14/20]

24.Bg3+- Raf8 25.Re1 Qh5



26.a4 1.24/18

[26.h4+- 1.68/20]

26...Qg5± 27.axb5 0.57/18

[27.Bd1± 1.08/18]

27...axb5± 28.Qc5 h5 29.Rg1

[29.Bxc7? Rxc7 30.Qxc7 Qxe3-+]

[29.Qxb5? Qxe3 *(29...h4? 30.Bxe4 hxg3 31.Kg1-+)* 30.Rg1 Qxc3-+]

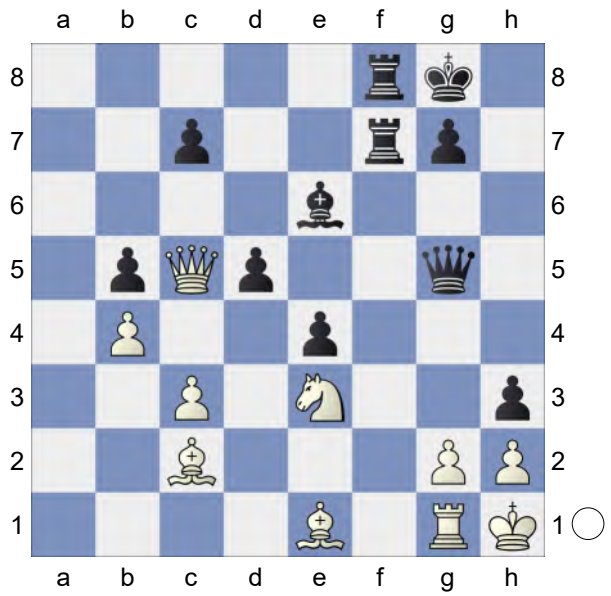
29...h4 30.Be1 White is more active.

[30.Bxc7? Rxc7 *(30...Rc8 31.Qd6∓)* 31.Qxc7 Qxe3-+]

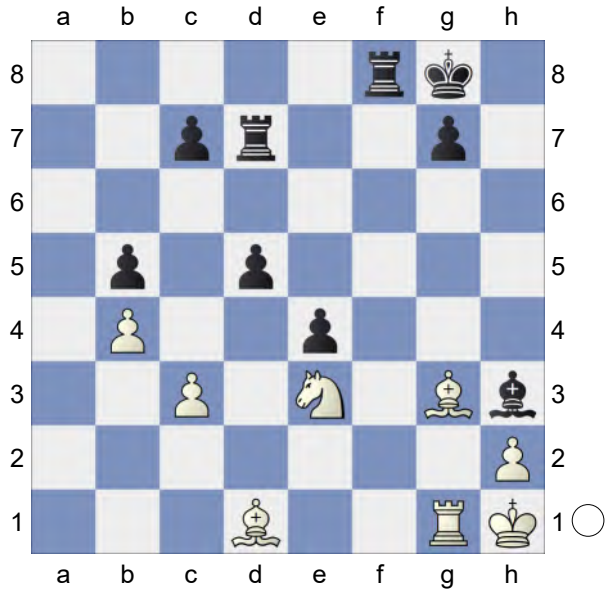
White now steadily converts the win.

30...h3

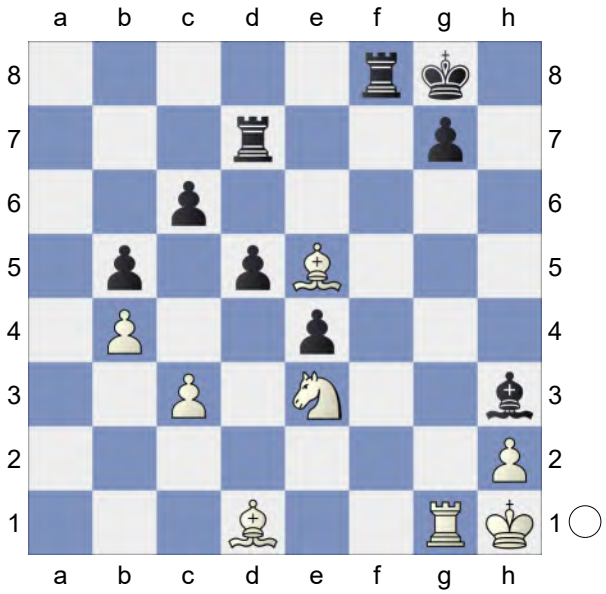
(Diagram)



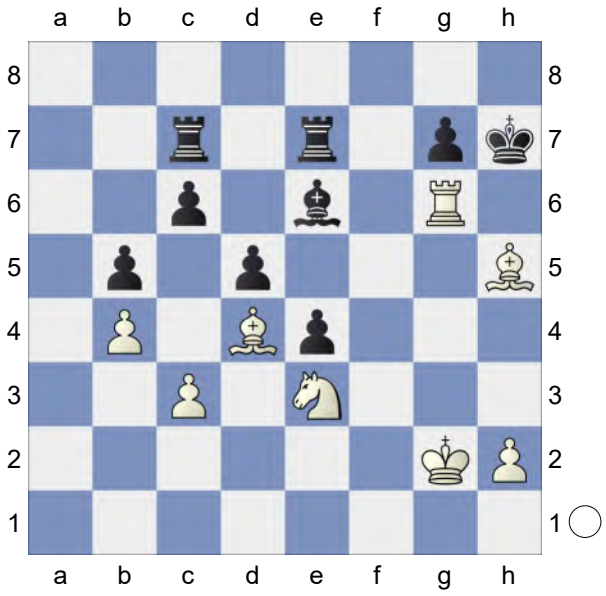
31.gxh3 Qe7 1.66/22
[31...Qf4± 0.92/20]
32.Qxe7+-
[32.Nxd5? Qxc5-+]
32...Rxe7 33.Bd1 Repels Rf3 **33...Bxh3** 1.89/21
[33...c5± 1.45/19]
34.Bg3
[34.Nxd5 Rd7±]
34...Rd7 2.46/20
[34...Kh7 1.63/20 35.Nxd5 Rd7 36.Nxc7 Rd2]



35.Be5! c6

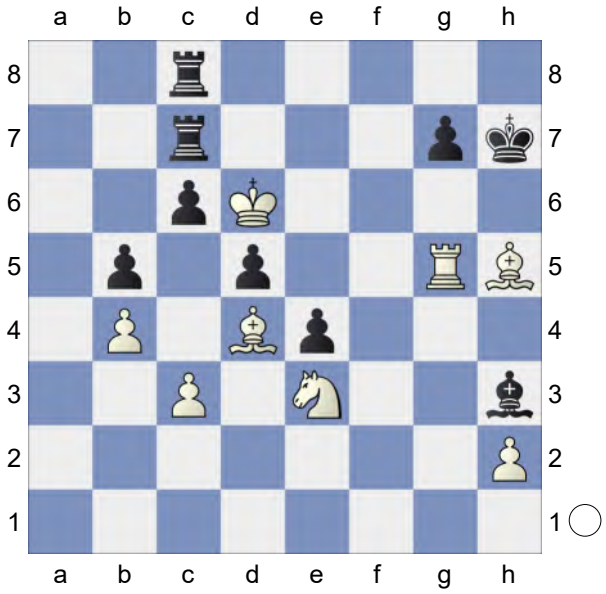


36.Rg3 Be6 37.Rg6 Re8 3.13/20
[37...Bh3 1.99/17 was worth a try. 38.Rxc6 Kh7]
38.Bh5 Hoping for Rxg7+!. **38...Ree7** 3.18/21
[⌓38...Bh3 2.04/18 39.Bxg7 *(39.Rxc6?* too greedy. *Rxe5 40.Be2 Rg5-+)* 39...Re6 40.Rxe6 *(40.Bf6+ Kh7∓)* 40...Bxe6]
39.Bd4 Kh7 40.Kg2 Rc7

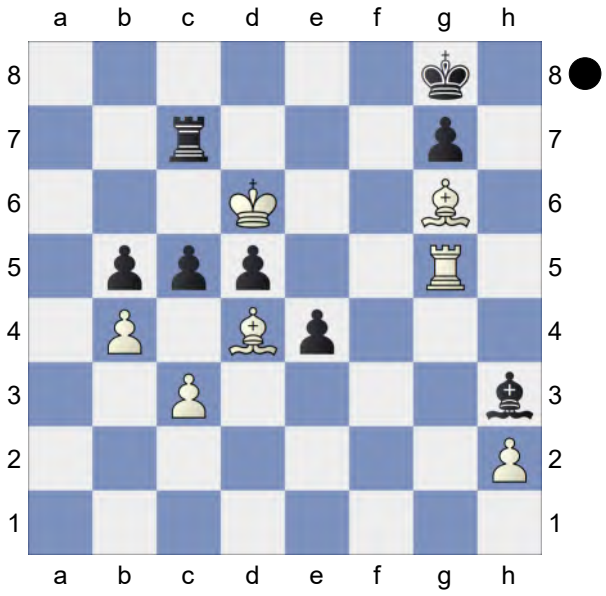


41.Rg5 Rc8 42.Kg3
[Not 42.Bg6+ Kg8=]

42...Rec7 43.Kf4 Rf8+ 44.Ke5 Bh3 45.Kd6 Rfc8 6.99/18
[⌓45...Rd7+ 4.14/17 46.Kxc6 Kh6]



46.Bg6+ This pair of bishops is nice. White is clearly winning. **46...Kg8 47.Nf5 c5 48.Ne7+ Rxe7 49.Kxe7** Threatening mate with Bf7+. **49...Rc7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.36 **50.Kd6**



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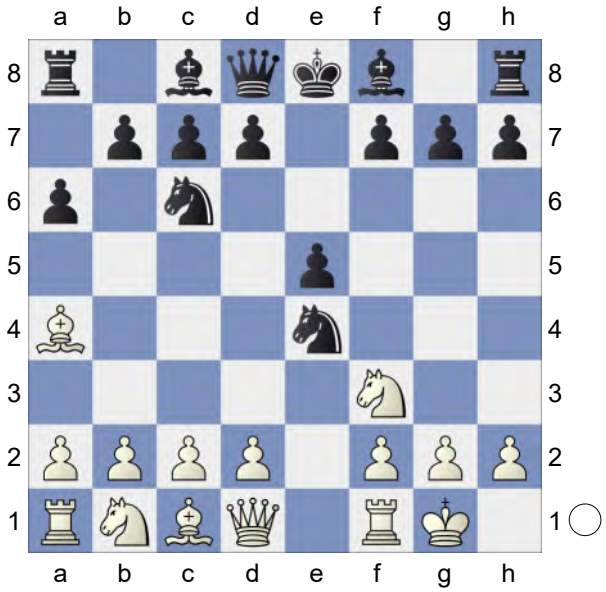
45 **C82**
□ **Baum,Jonasz** **2436**
■ **Gumularz,Szymon** **2587**
Warsaw Szansa blitz op (9) 16.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 8.Nge2 scores better than 8.Bg5. 8.Sge2 punktet besser als 8.Lg5. **8...Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0**

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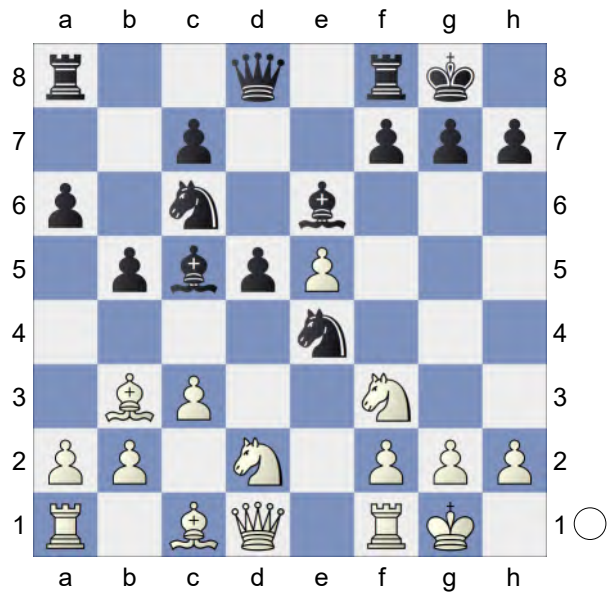
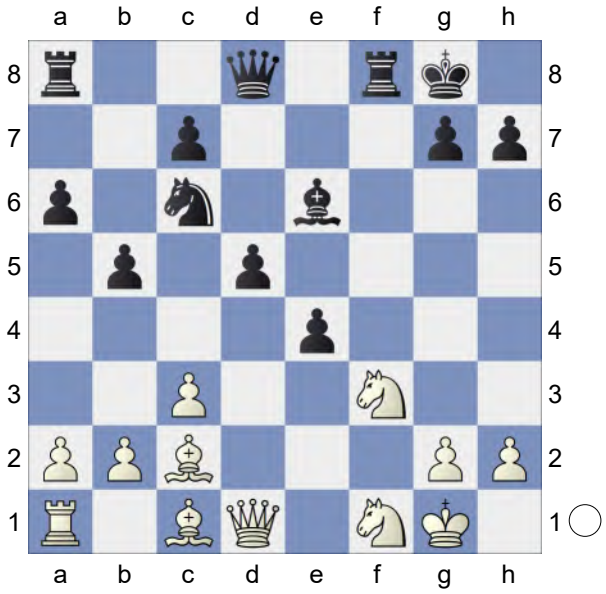


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+N 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1 fxe5 15.Kg1 e4N**

[15...Qd6 16.Be3 Bf5 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7 20.Re1 c5 21.Ng3 Bd3 22.Qd2 c4 23.Bd1 Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7 25.Nh1 e4 26.Nd4 Qg6 27.h4 Nc5 28.h5 Qd6 29.Bg4 h6 30.Qe3 0-1 (74) Mecking,H (2567)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2687) Corus-B Wijk aan Zee 2009 (11)]

[15...Qd7 16.Bg5 Rae8 17.Qd2 d4 18.Ng3 h6 19.Bh4 dxc3 20.Qxc3 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Nd4 22.Bd1 Rf8 23.Ne4 Bc4 24.Kg2 Rf4 25.Be1 Qf5 26.Nd2 e4 27.Bg3 exf3+ 28.Kf2 Rg4 29.Nxc4 bxc4 30.Bxf3 1-0 (39) Vachier Lagrave,M (2750)-Caruana,F (2786) Bucuresti 152/130 2022]

[15...Bg4 16.Ne3 Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Qe7 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Rf7 22.Bd1 Raf8 23.Be2 Rf2 24.Nd1 e3 25.Nxe3 Bg4 26.Bxg4 Rxb2 27.Nxd5 Qg5 28.Bf3 Kh8 29.Qxa5 Rc2 30.Qe1 1-0 (41) Kuybokarov,T (2584)-Matlakov,M (2674) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (1)]



16.Nd4 White has compensation. **16...Qf6 17.Be3↑** Wards off Qf2+. White has good play.

[17.Nxc6? Qf2+ 18.Kh1 Qxf1+ 19.Qxf1 Rxf1#]

17...Ne5 18.Qe1

[18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Qe2 0.28/21 *(19.Bd4± 0.73/21)* 19...Rf7 0.66/21 *(19...c6= 0.28/21)* 20.a4± Raf8 1.01/23 *(20...bxa4± 0.36/20 21.Rxa4 Nc4)* 21.axb5 axb5 22.Bc5 Rb8 23.Qxb5 Nd7 24.Qa5]

18...Nc4 1.09/20

[Black should play 18...Bg4± 0.58/19]

19.Ng3 -0.31/21

[19.Qg3± 1.09/20]

19...Bd7 0.51/17

[19...Nxb2∓ -0.31/21 20.Nh5 Qe5]

20.Bb3!±

[20.Nh5 Qe5 21.Ng3 Rae8= *(21...Nxb2 22.Nb3=)*]

20...Kh8 0.96/19

[20...Nxe3± 0.51/21 21.Qxe3 c6]

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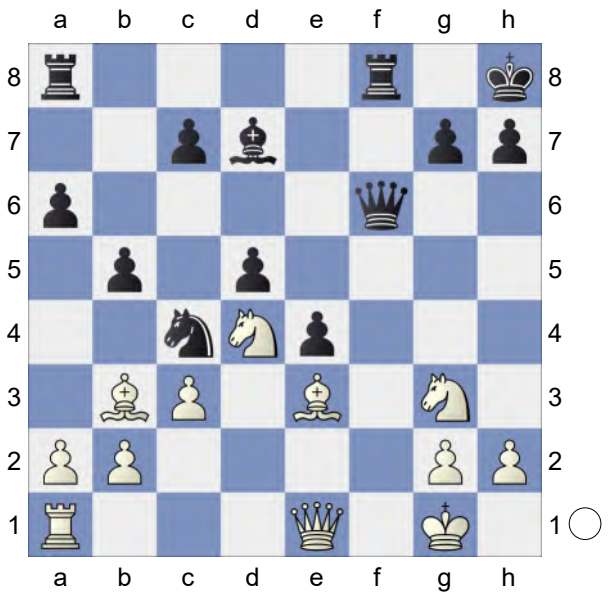
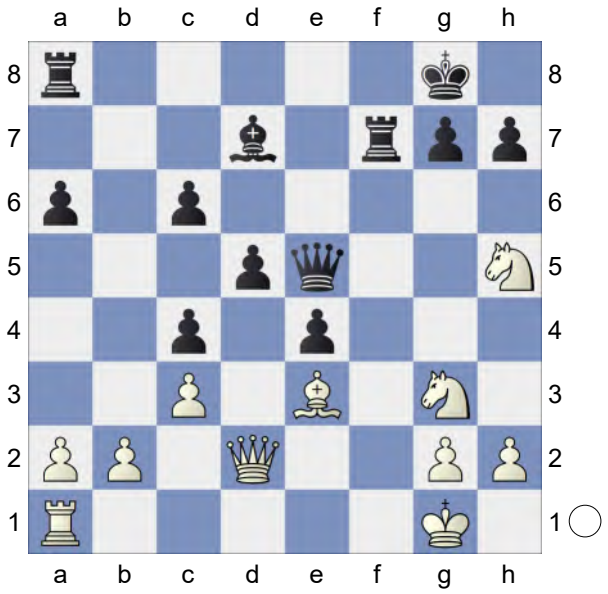
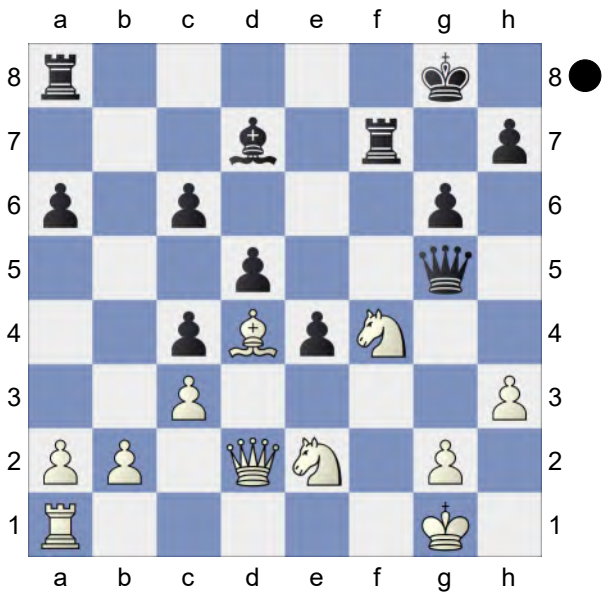


21.Bxc4± bxc4 22.Nde2 Rf7 23.Qd2 c6 24.Nh5 0.73/20
[⌓24.Rf1 1.11/20 Qe7 25.Rxf7 Qxf7 26.h3]
24...Qe5 25.Neg3 Kg8

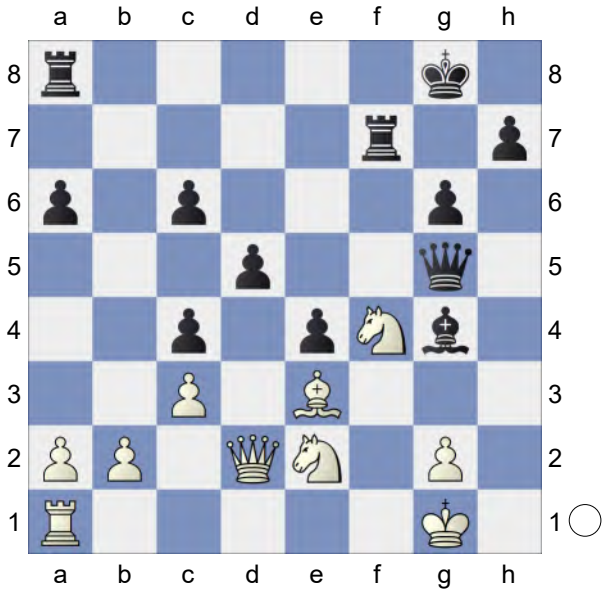


26.Bd4 Qe7 27.h3 -0.16/19
Dodges Bg4
[White should play 27.b4!± 0.79/20]
27...g6= 28.Nf4 Qg5! 29.Nge2

(Diagram)

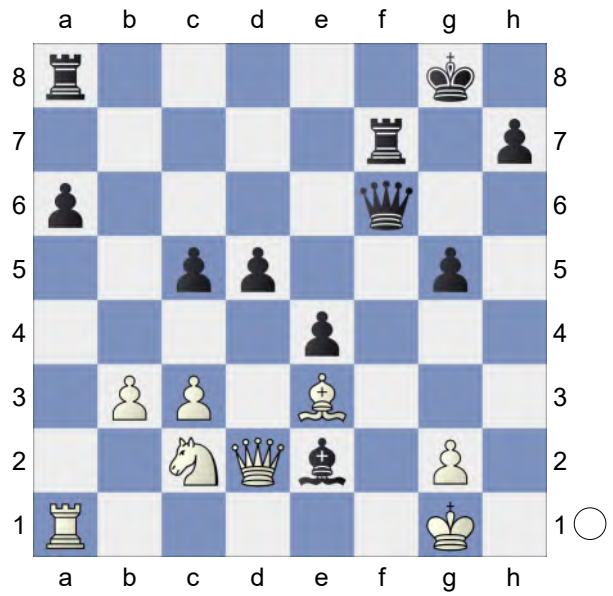


Bxh3! 30.Be3! Bg4

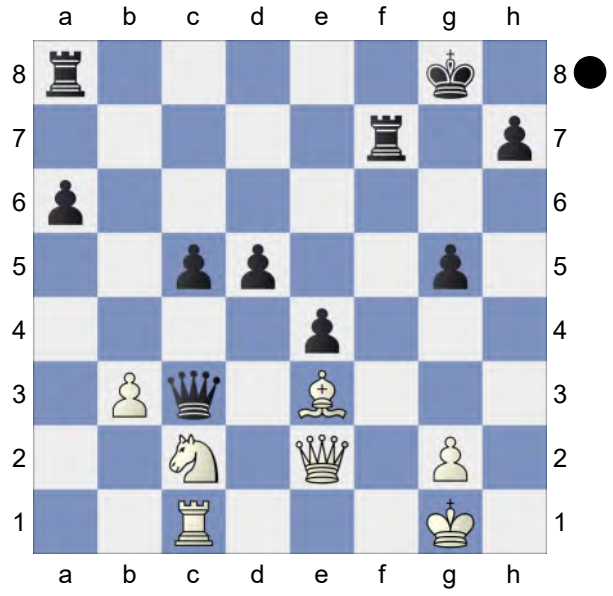


31.Nd4 -0.96/18
[31.Nd3∓ -0.31/20 Qh4 32.Bg5 *(32.Ne5 Rf5=)* 32...exd3 *(32...Qh5? 33.Ng3+-)* 33.Bxh4 dxe2 34.Re1]
31...Qf6!∓ 32.b4 cxb3 33.axb3 g5 34.Nfe2 c5 35.Nc2 Bxe2

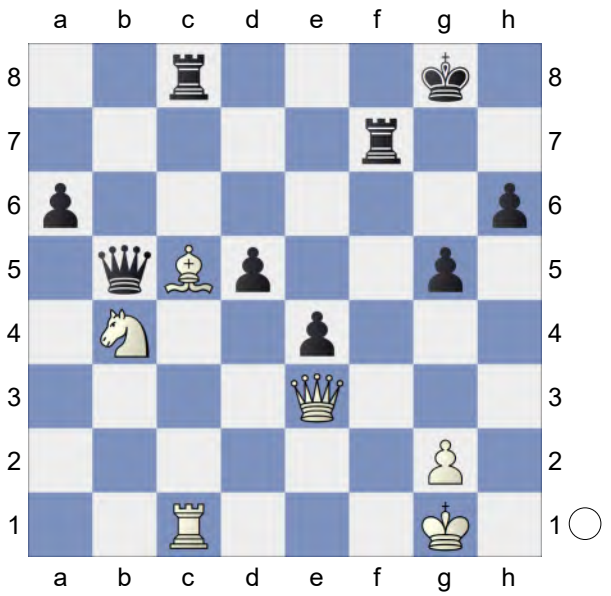
(Diagram)



Deflection **36.Qxe2 Qxc3 37.Rc1**



Qxb3 -0.22/22
[37...Raf8!∓ -1.18/21 38.Na3 Qf6 *(38...Qxb3 39.Bxc5 Re8 40.Qxa6∓)* 39.Bxc5 Rc8]
38.Bxc5 Qb5! 39.Qe3 h6 40.Nb4 -1.07/19
[40.Qc3∓ -0.66/20 should be considered.]
40...Rc8 -0.35/19
[40...Rd8∓ -1.07/19 and ...a5 would now be decisive 41.Qh3 Kh7]



41.Qd4!∓ a5 0.17/16
[41...Rf4∓ -0.35/21 42.Kh2 *(42.Qxd5+ Kh7∓; 42.Nxd5? Rxc5 43.Qxc5 Rf1+ 44.Kh2 Rxc1-+)* 42...e3 43.Qxd5+ Rf7]
Vorgänger: **42.Nxd5=** This move loses the game for Black. **42...Qd3?** 4.98/28
[42...Rf1+!= 0.17/20 and Black has nothing to worry. 43.Rxf1 Qxc5 44.Nf6+ Kg7 45.Qxc5 *(45.Nxe4+? is the wrong capture. Qxd4+ 46.Nf2 Rf8-+)* 45...Rxc5]
43.Nf6++- White is clearly winning.
43...Rxf6 44.Qxf6 Threatening mate with Qe6+. **44...Rxc5** Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is 3 pawns up. **45.Qe6+**
[45.Rxc5 Qd1+ 46.Qf1 Qd4+ 47.Qf2 Qd1+ 48.Qf1 Qd4+ 49.Qf2 Qd1+ 50.Kh2 Qh5+ 51.Kg1 Qd1+=]
45...Kf8

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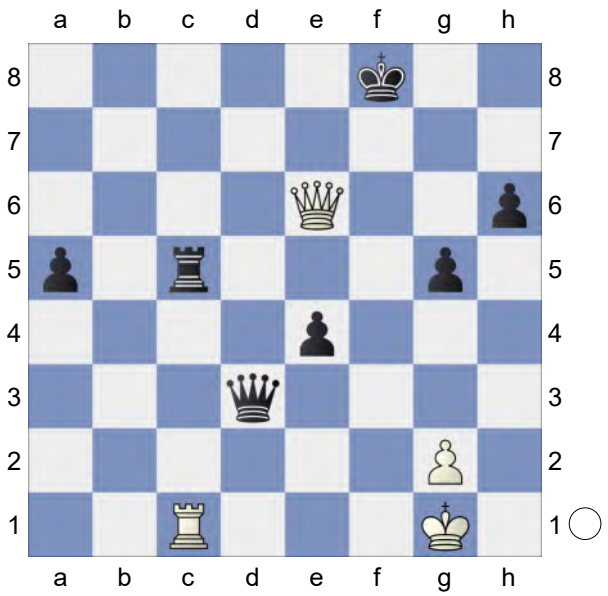
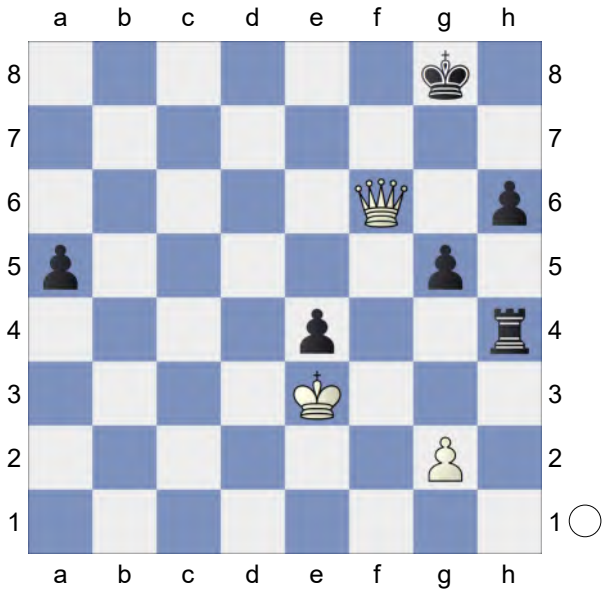


46.Rf1+!

[Not 46.Rxc5 Qe3+ 47.Kh2 Qxc5=]

46...Qxf1+ 47.Kxf1 KQ-KR **47...Rc1+ 48.Kf2 Rh1 49.Qf6+** 1-0 Nikac,P (2312)-Karisik,N (2106) MNT-ch 72nd Podgorica 2020 (2) **49...Kg8 50.Ke3 Rh4**



51.g3 Rh1 52.Qg6+ Kf8 53.Kxe4 g4 54.Qf5+ Ke7 55.Qxg4 Re1+

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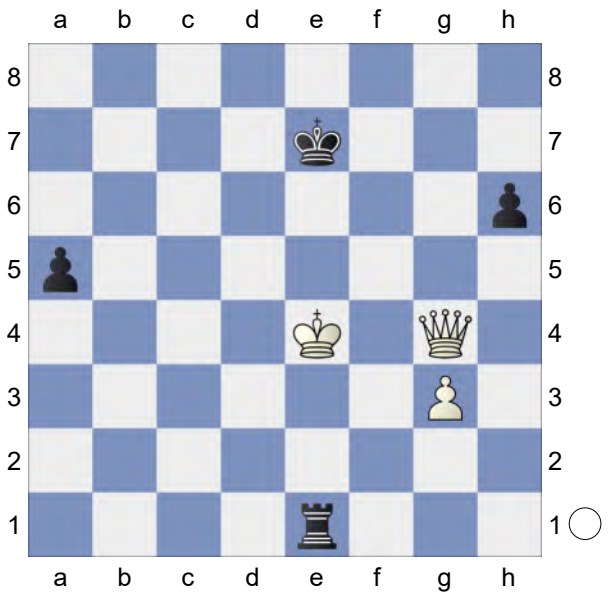
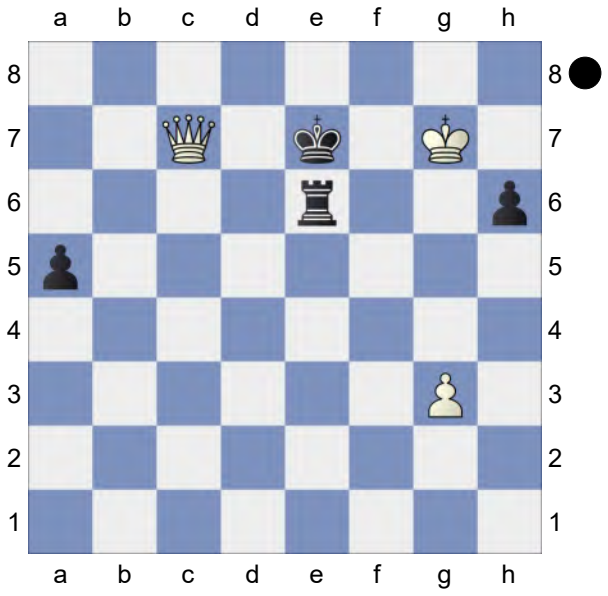


56.Kf5 Rf1+ 57.Kg6 Rf6+ 58.Kg7 Threatens to win with Qh4. **58...Ra6 59.Qc4 Re6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.37

60.Qc7+



Loss on time!?

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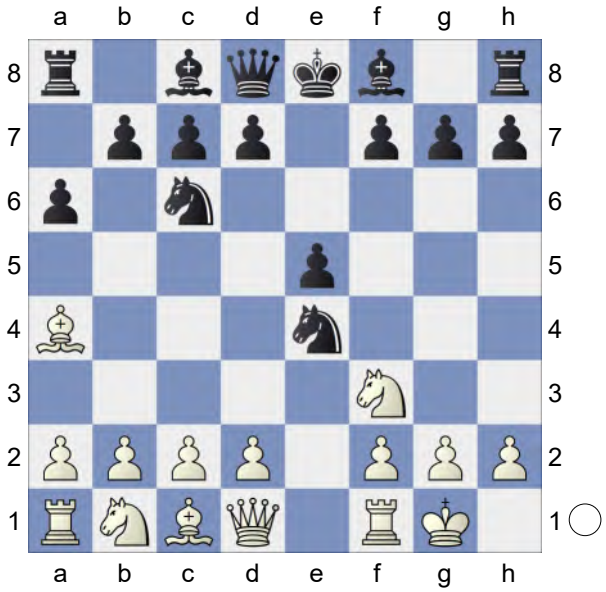
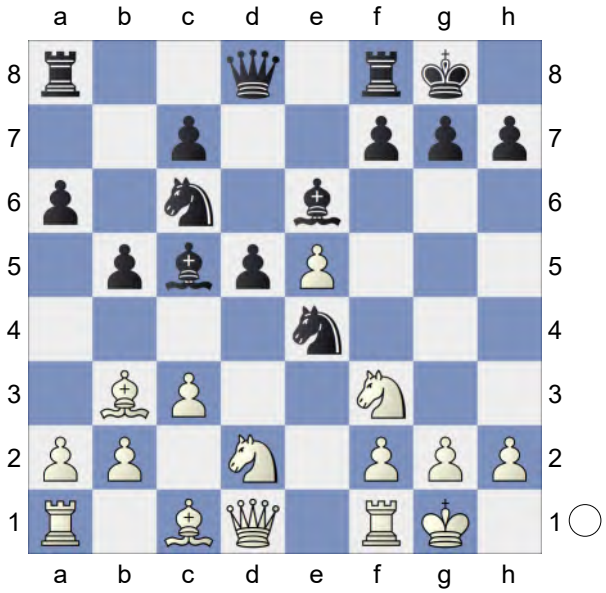
46 **C82**
□ **Kanli,Alperen** **2492**
■ **Schmoyer,Clyde** **2483**
European Cup Final, Belgrade (4) 7.1.23
[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

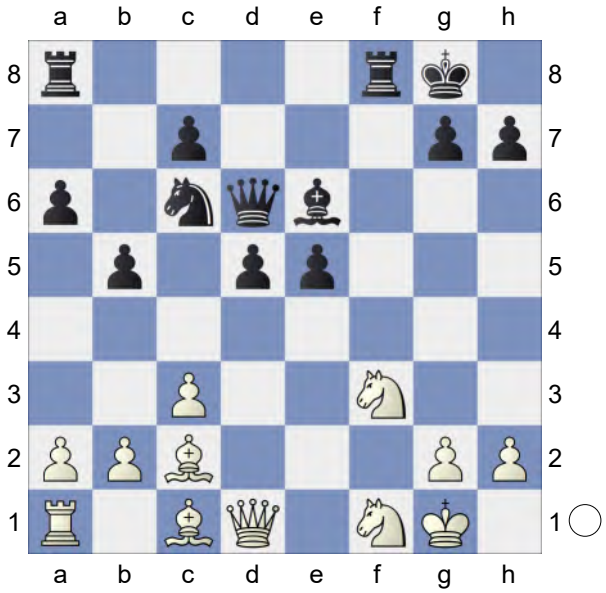
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Kg1 fxe5 15.Nf1 Qd6**



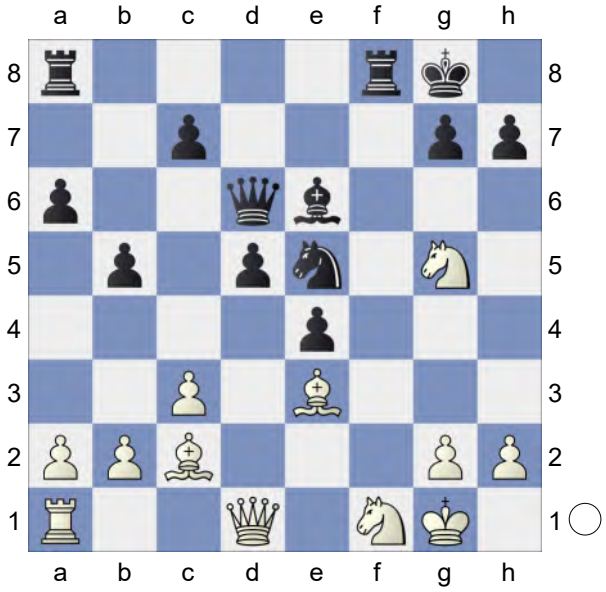
16.Be3 e4N

[16...Bf5 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7! Repels Bc5 20.Re1 Kh8 *(20...c5 21.Ng3 Bd3 22.Qd2 c4 23.Bd1 Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7 25.Nh1 e4 26.Nd4 Qg6 27.h4 Nc5 28.h5 Qd6 29.Bg4 h6 30.Qe3 Qf4 31.Qxf4 Rxf4 32.Ne6 Nxe6 33.Bxe6+ Kh7 34.Bxd5 R8f5 35.Bc6* 0-1 (74) Mecking,H (2567)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2687) Corus-B Wijk aan Zee 2009 (11) *Rxh5 36.Bd4 Rhf5 37.Nf2 Rf7 38.b4 h5 39.a4 bxa4 40.Bxa4 h4 41.Be3 R4f5 42.Ra1 h3 43.Ra2 hxg2 44.Bd1 R7f6 45.Bg4 Rd5 46.Kxg2 Rg6 47.Kg3 Bf1 48.Bd4 Bd3 49.Kf4 Kg8 50.Bf5* 1-0 (74) Osnos,V (2760)-Deslandes,P (2783) 17. World Junior Ch., City 1987 (8)*)* 21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 0.00/20 *(22.h4⩲* 0.54/17 *)* 22...Be4]

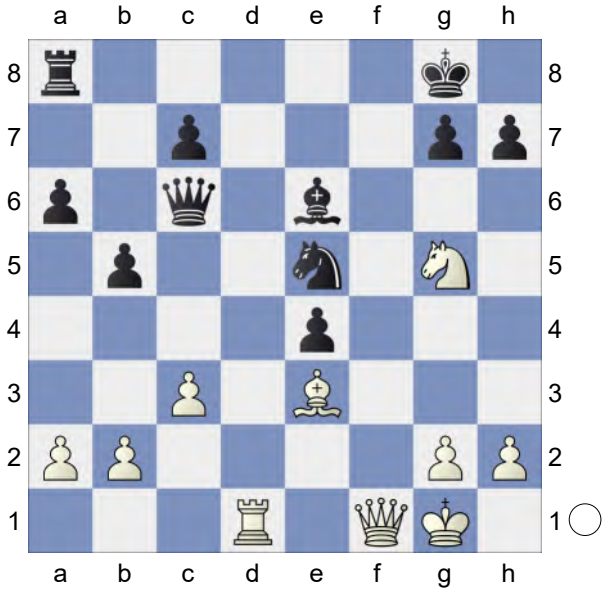
[16...Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 e4 21.Bg3 exf3 22.Bxd6 f2+ 23.Qxf2 Rxf2 24.Kxf2 Rxd6 25.Ne3 d4 26.cxd4 Nxd4

27.b4 Nc6 28.Rxd6 cxd6 29.Nd5 Kf7 30.Ke3 Ke6 31.Ke4 0-1 (48) Lemmers,O (2472)-Molina Souponitskaia,A (2356) 125/42 Biel 2015 (8)]

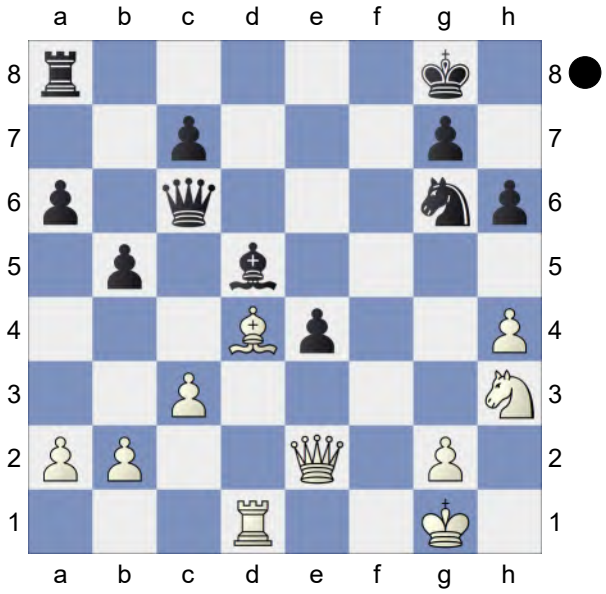
17.Ng5 Ne5



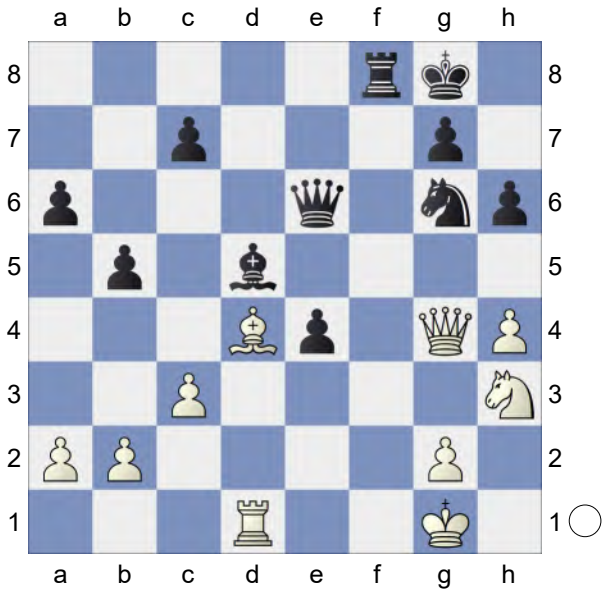
18.Bxe4 0.03/21 **Rxf1+= 19.Qxf1 dxe4**
20.Rd1 -0.64/25
[20.Nxe4= -0.05/20 Qc6 21.Nc5]
20...Qc6!∓



21.Bd4 Ng6 22.Qe2 Bd5 -0.28/22
[22...Bxa2∓ -0.83/18 23.Qg4 Re8]
23.h4 h6 24.Nh3 -1.50/19
[24.Qg4!∓ -0.43/20]

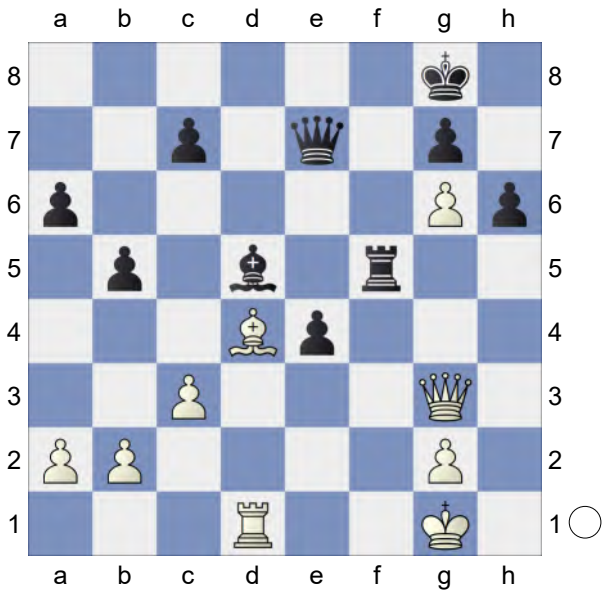


24...Rf8 -1.06/22
[24...Bxa2 25.Qg4 Qe6 26.Qg3=]
[24...Qe6! -1.50/19 25.h5 Nf8]
25.Qg4 Qe6
[25...Bxa2? 26.h5+-]

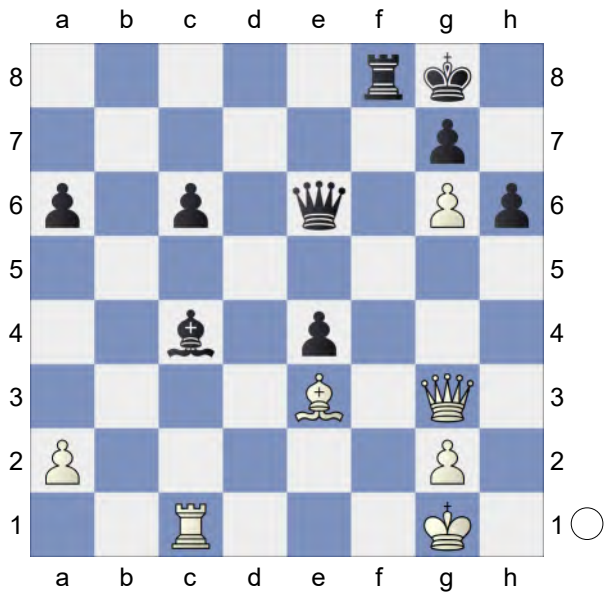


26.Qg3 and h5 would now be decisive
26...Rf5 -0.10/20
[26...Bxa2 27.h5 Bb3 28.Rd2+- *(28.Qxg6? Qxg6 29.hxg6 Bxd1-+; 28.Re1 c5=)*]

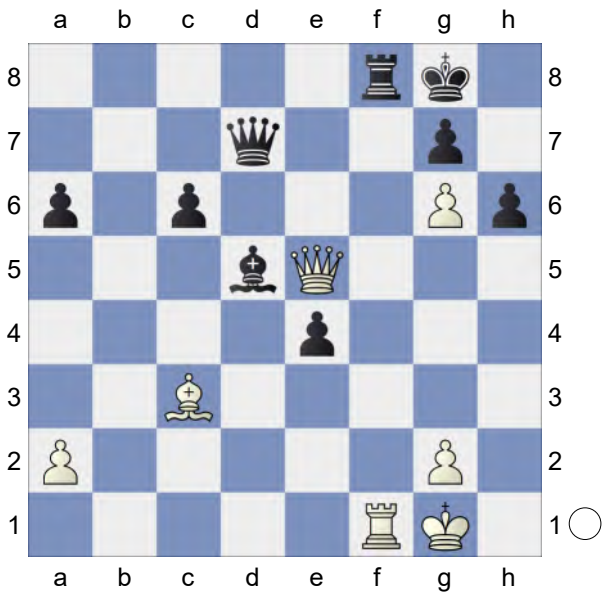
[26...Rf7∓ -0.76/20 27.b3 c6]
27.h5 -0.58/22
[27.Qxc7= -0.10/20 Qf7 *(27...Nxh4 28.Qxg7#)* 28.Qxf7+ Bxf7 29.Bf2]
27...Ne5!
[27...Rxh5 28.Nf4 Rg5 29.Qxg5 hxg5 30.Nxe6 Bxe6 31.Ba7=]
28.Nf4 Qf7
[28...Qd6 simplifies 29.Bxe5 Rxe5 30.Nxd5 Rxd5 31.Qxd6 Rxd6 32.Re1 Rd2]
29.Ng6? -3.83/22 Inhibits Nf3+.
[29.Bxe5∓ -0.54/18 Rxe5 30.Nxd5 Rxd5 31.Rxd5 Qxd5 32.Qg6]
29...Nxg6? -0.41/17
[29...Nf3+-+ -3.83/22 30.gxf3 Rg5 31.Qxg5 hxg5]
30.hxg6 Qe7



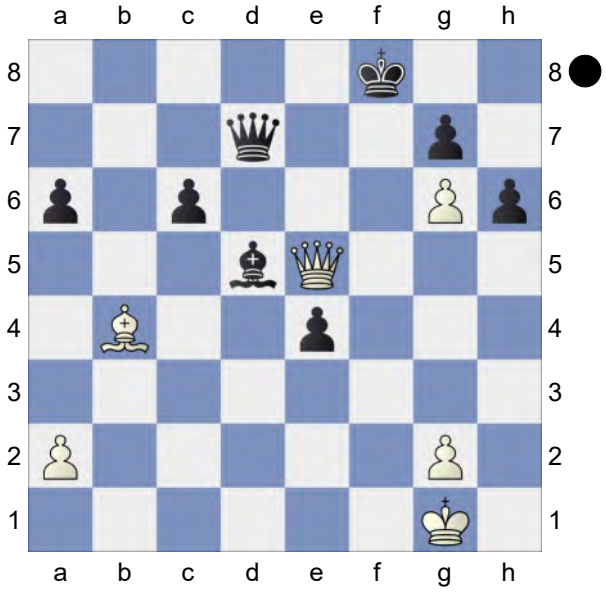
31.Be3 Inhibits Rg5. **31...c6 32.b3 Rf8** 0.00/22
[Black should play 32...Qe8∓ -0.56/20 33.Rd4 Rf6]
33.c4= bxc4 34.bxc4 Bxc4 35.Rc1 Qe6
[35...Bxa2?! 36.Bc5 *(36.Rxc6 Qa3=)* 36...Qg5 37.Qxg5 hxg5 38.Bxf8 Kxf8 39.Rxc6±]



36.Bd4 Qd5 0.92/22
[36...e3= -0.13/20 remains equal. 37.Qxe3 *(37.Qc7 Qxg6 38.Rxc4 e2∓)* 37...Qxe3+ 38.Bxe3 Bd5 *(38...Bxa2 39.Rxc6 Ra8 40.Rc7=)*]
37.Bc3? -2.50/19
[37.Qc3± 0.92/22 Bb5 *(37...Bxa2 38.Bxg7 Re8 39.Bxh6±)* 38.a4 *(38.Bxg7 Rd8±)* 38...Bxa4 39.Bxg7]
37...Rd8? -0.22/23
[37...Bxa2 38.Be1]
[37...Qc5+-+ -2.50/19 38.Kh2 e3 *(38...Bxa2? 39.Bd2-+)*]
38.Qc7 -0.61/23
[38.a4= -0.22/23]
38...Qd7!∓
[38...Bxa2 39.Qxg7#]
39.Qe5 -1.71/19
[39.Qxd7!= -0.09/22 and White is okay. Rxd7 40.Bxg7]
39...Bd5? 0.04/24
[39...Bd3-+ -1.71/19 Hoping for ... Re8. 40.Bb2 Re8]
40.Rf1= Rf8 #5/21
[40...Re8= 0.03/23 41.Rf7 Double Attack Rxe5 *(41...Bxf7 42.Qxg7# Pin)* 42.Rxd7 Re8]



Prevents Rf7 **41.Rxf8+** Back Rank **41...Kxf8** White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.58
42.Bb4+



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47 **C82**
□ **Gorodetzky,David** **2492**
■ **Zanan,Evgeny** **2483**
Ramat Gan Winter op rapid (4) 07.01.23
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
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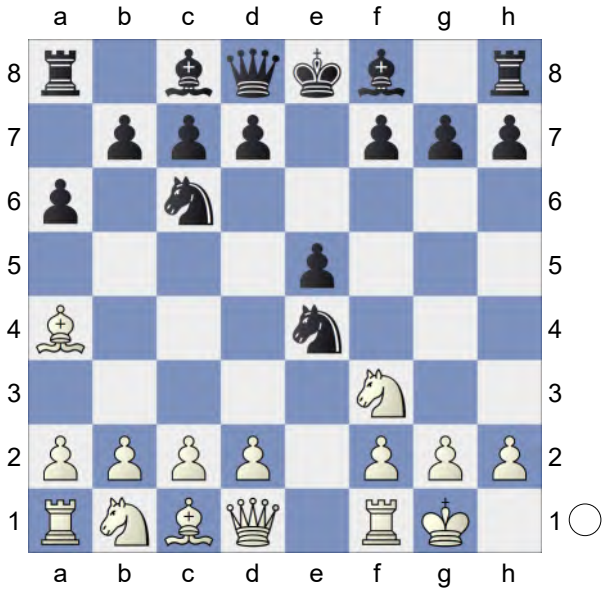

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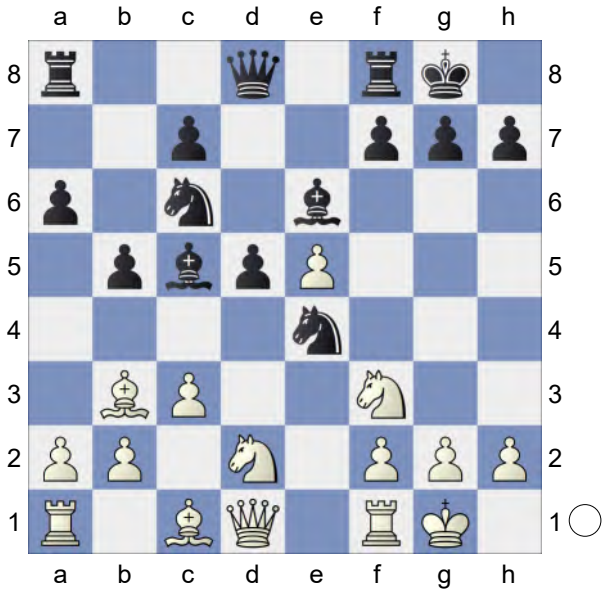
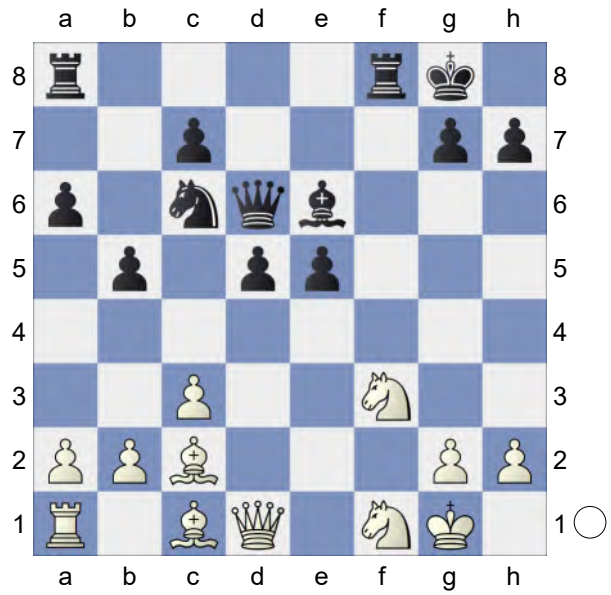


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Kg1** Recently 14.Nf1 got a lot of attention. 14.Sf1 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **14...fxe5 15.Nf1 Qd6**



16.Be3! e4N

[Vorgänger: 16...Bf5 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7! Prevents Bc5. 20.Re1 Kh8 *(20...c5 21.Ng3 Bd3 22.Qd2 c4 23.Bd1 Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7 25.Nh1 e4 26.Nd4 Qg6 27.h4 Nc5 28.h5 Qd6 29.Bg4 h6 30.Qe3 Qf4 31.Qxf4 Rxf4 32.Ne6 Nxe6 33.Bxe6+ Kh7 34.Bxd5 R8f5 35.Bc6* 0-1 (74) Mecking,H (2567)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2687) Corus-B Wijk aan Zee 2009 (11) *Rxh5 36.Bd4 Rhf5 37.Nf2 Rf7 38.b4 h5 39.a4 bxa4 40.Bxa4 h4 41.Be3 R4f5 42.Ra1 h3 43.Ra2 hxg2 44.Bd1 R7f6 45.Bg4 Rd5 46.Kxg2 Rg6 47.Kg3 Bf1 48.Bd4 Bd3 49.Kf4 Kg8 50.Bf5* 1-0 (74) Osnos,V (2760)-Deslandes,P (2783) 17. World Junior Ch., City 1987 (8)*)* 21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 0.18/20 *(22.h4!± 0.76/17)* 22...Be4 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2859)-Le, Q (2728) chess24.com INT 2022]

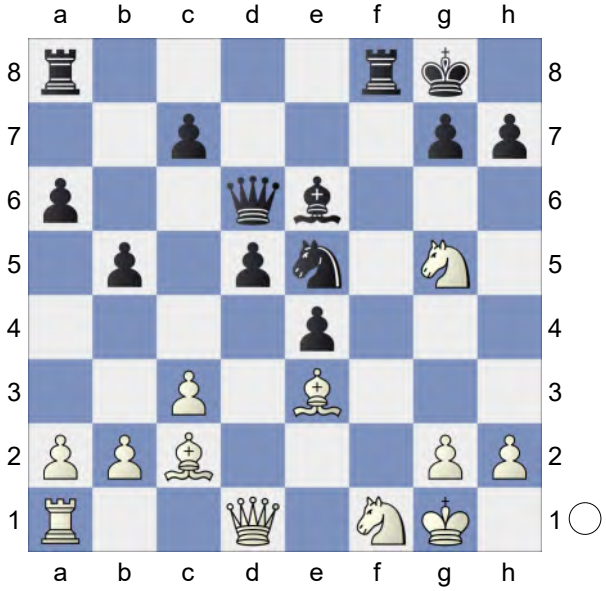
[16...Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 e4 21.Bg3 exf3 22.Bxd6 f2+ 23.Qxf2 Rxf2 24.Kxf2 Rxd6 25.Ne3 d4 26.cxd4 Nxd4 27.b4 Nc6 28.Rxd6 cxd6 29.Nd5 Kf7 30.Ke3 Ke6 31.Ke4 0-1 (48) Lemmers,O (2472)-Molina Souponitskaia,A (2356) 125/42 Biel 2015 (8)]

17.Ng5 0.24/21

[17.N3d2± 0.74/20]

17...Ne5 0.71/20

[17...Bf5= 0.24/21]



18.Bxe4 0.03/20 **Rxf1+= 19.Qxf1 dxe4 20.Rd1** -0.78/25

[20.Qf4= -0.19/22 Bd5 21.Nxe4]

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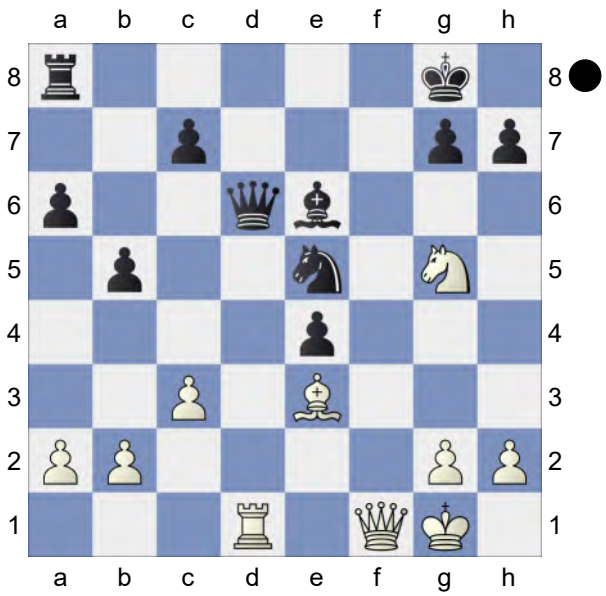
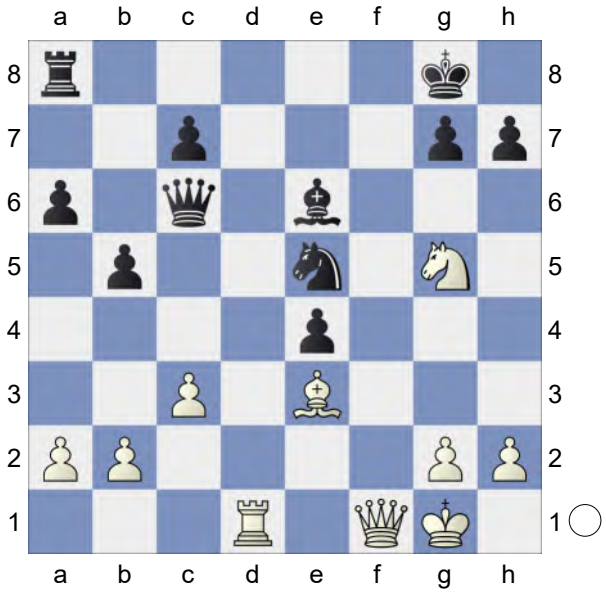


20...Qc6!∓



21.Bd4 Ng6 22.Qe2 Bd5 23.h4 -0.38/22 **h6∓ 24.Nh3 Rf8**
[24...Nxh4 25.Qg4 Ng6 26.Nf4=]
25.Qg4 Qe6
[25...Bxa2? 26.h5+-]

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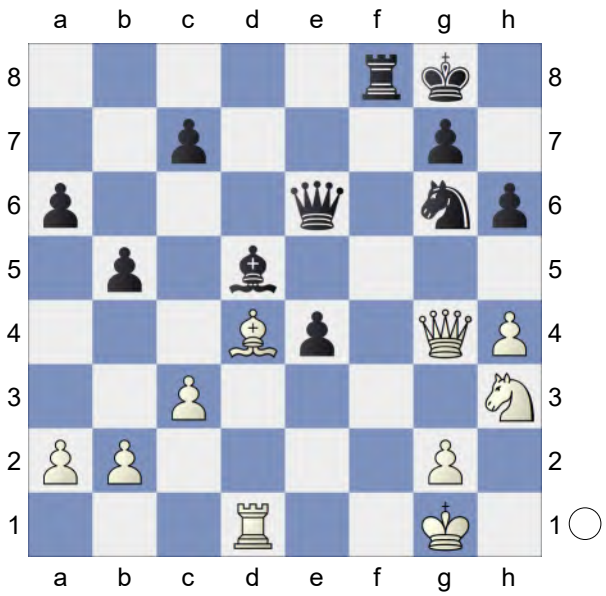
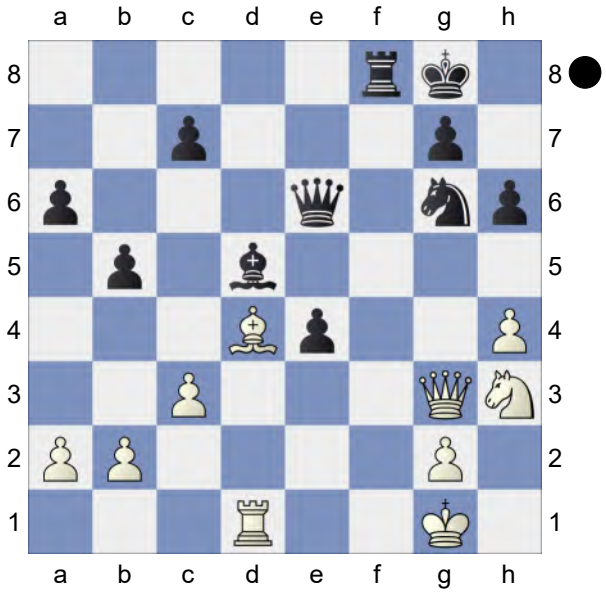
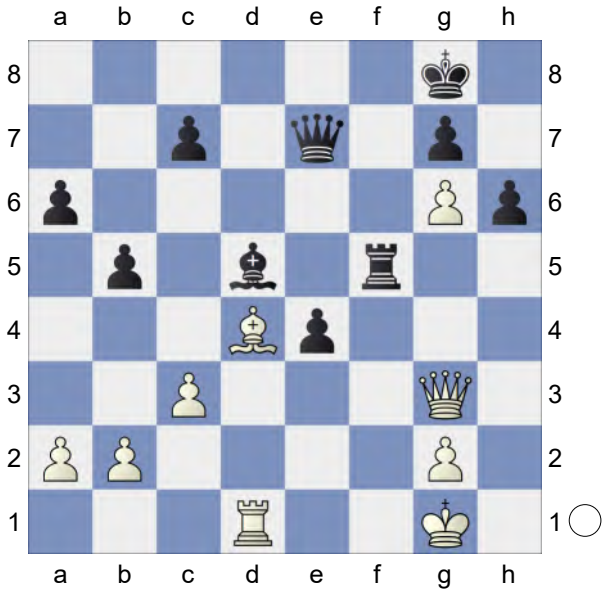


26.Qg3



and h5 should not be overlooked
26...Rf5 -0.09/20
[26...Bxa2 27.h5 Bb3 28.Rd2± *(28.Qxg6? Qxg6 29.hxg6 Bxd1-+; 28.Re1 c5=)*]
[Better is 26...Rf7!∓ -1.02/20 27.Rf1 Rxf1+ *(27...Bxa2 28.Rxf7 Qxf7 29.h5∓)* 28.Kxf1 Qf7+ *(28...Bxa2 29.Nf4∓)* 29.Kg1 Bxa2]
27.h5 -0.66/24
[27.Qxc7= -0.09/20 Qf7 *(27...Nxh4 28.Qxg7#)* 28.Qxf7+ Bxf7 29.Bf2]

27...Ne5!
[27...Rxh5 28.Nf4 Rg5 29.Qxg5 hxg5 30.Nxe6 Bxe6 31.g3±]
28.Nf4 Qf7
[28...Qd6 simplifies 29.Bxe5 Rxe5 30.Nxd5 Rxd5 31.Qxd6 Rxd6 32.Re1 Rd2]
29.Ng6? -4.18/19
[White should try 29.Bxe5∓ -0.67/19 Rxe5 30.Nxd5 Rxd5 31.Rxd5 Qxd5 32.Qg6]
29...Nxg6? -0.38/19
[29...Nf3+-+ -4.18/19 30.gxf3 Rg5 31.Qxg5 hxg5]
30.hxg6 Qe7



31.Be3 Inhibits Rg5. **31...c6 32.b3 Rf8** 0.00/22
[32...Qe8∓ -0.46/22 might be stronger.]
33.c4= bxc4 34.bxc4 Bxc4 35.Rc1 Qe6
[35...Bxa2 36.Bc5 *(36.Rxc6 Qa3=)* 36...Qg5 37.Qxg5 hxg5 38.Bxf8 Kxf8 39.Rxc6±]

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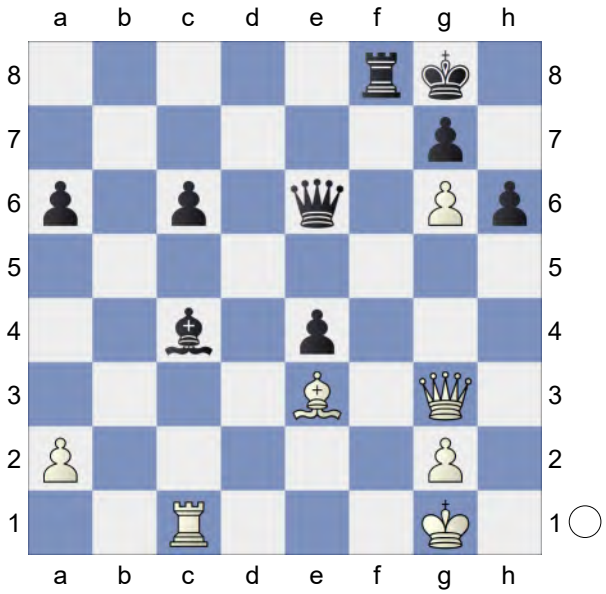

36.Bd4 Qd5 0.25/20
[⌓36...Bb5 -0.15/22]
37.Bc3? -2.39/19
[37.Qc3= 0.25/20 and White has nothing to worry. c5 *(37...Bxa2 38.Bxg7 Rf5 39.Bxh6±)* 38.Bxg7]
37...Rd8? -0.33/22
[37...Qc5+-+ -2.39/19 38.Kh2 e3 *(38...Bxa2? 39.Bd2-+)*]
38.Qc7 Qd7
[38...Bxa2 39.Qxg7#]
39.Qe5 -1.92/17
[White must play 39.Qxd7!∓ -0.32/19 Rxd7 40.Rb1]
39...Bd5? 0.06/23
[39...Bd3-+ -1.92/17 aiming for ...Re8. 40.Re1 Re8]
40.Rf1 Rf8 #5/23
[40...Re8= 0.06/25 41.Rf7 Double Attack Rxe5 *(41...Bxf7 42.Qxg7#* Pin *)* 42.Rxd7 Re8]

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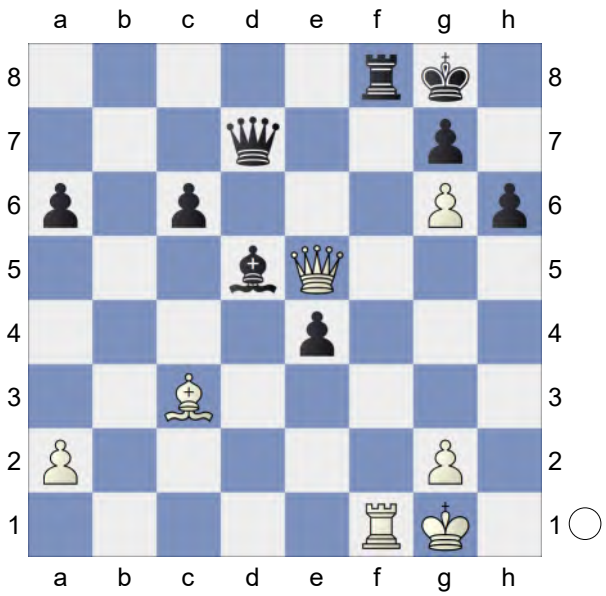
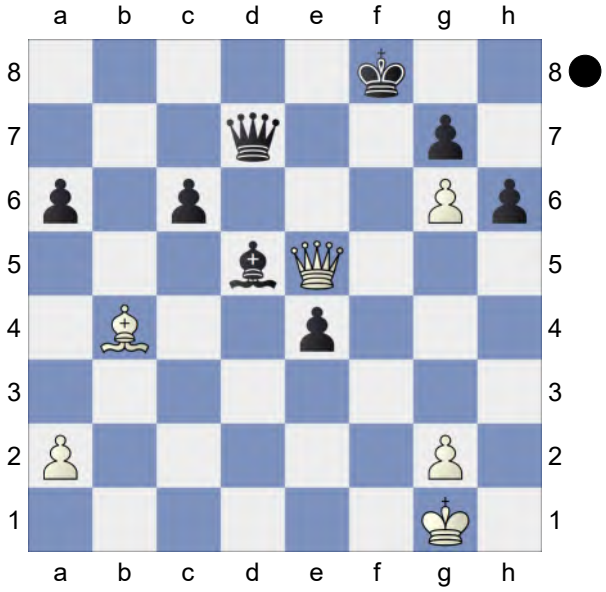


Prevents Rf7. **41.Rxf8+** Back Rank **41...Kxf8** White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.63
42.Bb4+



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48 **C82**
□ **Baum,Jonasz** **2420**
■ **Iniyan,P** **2525**
34th Czech Open A 2023 (5.5) 25.07.23
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
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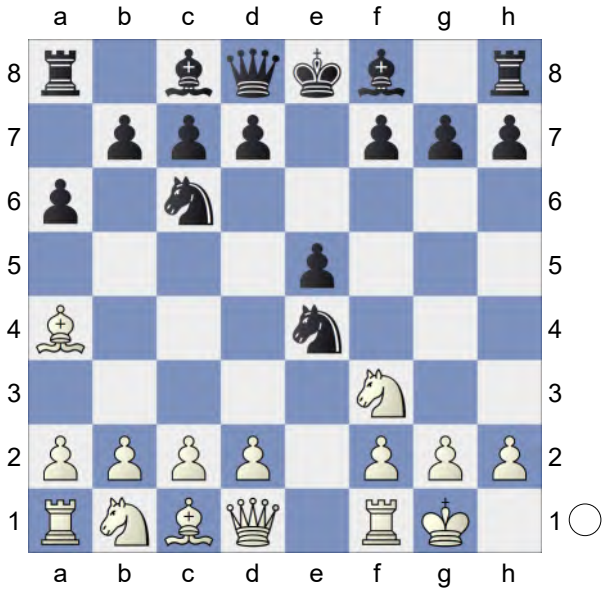

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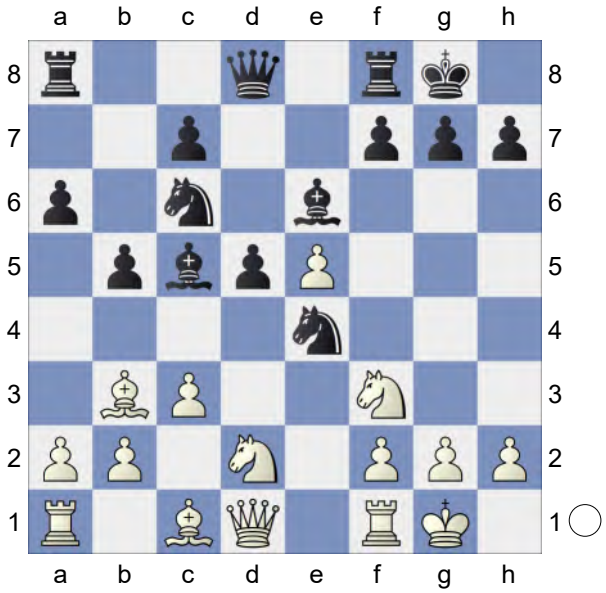

11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1!** is now more promising than 14.exf6. im Vergleich zu 14.exf6 vielversprechender. **14...fxe5 15.Kg1 e4N** 0.61/22

[15...Bg4= 0.25/18 16.Ne3 Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Qe7 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Rf7 22.Bd1 Raf8 23.Be2 Rf2 24.Nd1 e3 25.Nxe3 Bg4 26.Bxg4 Rxb2 27.Nxd5 Qg5 28.Bf3 Kh8 29.Qxa5 Rc2 30.Qe1 c5 1-0 (41) Kuybokarov,T (2584)-Matlakov,M (2674) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (1)]

[15...Qd6 16.Be3 Bf5 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7 20.Re1 c5 21.Ng3 Bd3 22.Qd2 c4 23.Bd1 Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7 25.Nh1 e4 26.Nd4 Qg6 27.h4 Nc5 28.h5 Qd6 29.Bg4 h6 30.Qe3 0-1 (74) Mecking,H (2567)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2687) Corus-B Wijk aan Zee 2009 (11)]

[15...Qd7 16.Bg5 Rae8 17.Qd2 d4 18.Ng3 h6 19.Bh4 dxc3 20.Qxc3 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Nd4 22.Bd1 Rf8 23.Ne4 Bc4 24.Kg2 Rf4 25.Be1 Qf5 26.Nd2 e4 27.Bg3 exf3+ 28.Kf2 Rg4 29.Nxc4 bxc4 30.Bxf3 1-0 (39) Vachier Lagrave,M (2750)-Caruana,F (2786) Bucuresti 152/130 2022]

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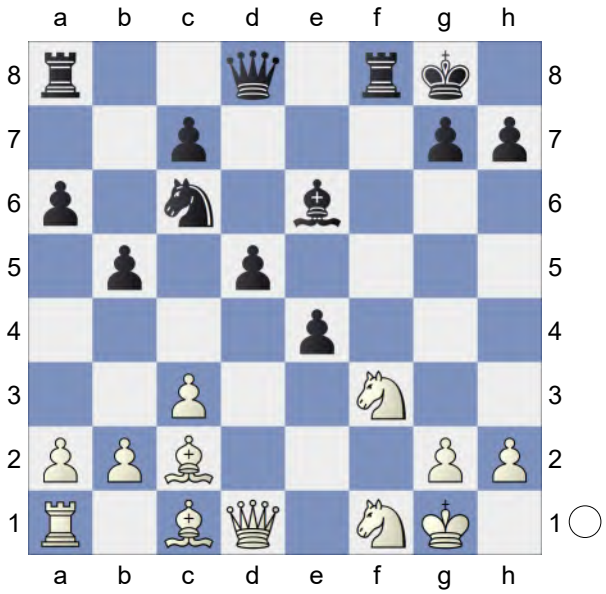

16.Nd4± White has compensation.

16...Qf6 17.Be3 Prevents Qf2+.

[17.Nxc6? Qf2+ 18.Kh1 Qxf1+ 19.Qxf1 Rxf1#]

17...Ne5 18.Qe1N

[Vorgänger: 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Qe2 Rf7 0.72/19 *(19...Qg6± 0.33/19)* 20.a4± Raf8 1.05/22 *(20...bxa4± 0.37/19 21.Bxa4 Nd3)* 21.axb5 axb5 22.Bc5 Rb8 23.Qxb5 0.29/18 *(23.b4!± 0.83/19)* 23...Nd7= 24.Qa5 ½-½ Grieve,H (2459)-Dong,B (2327) GBR-ch 109th 2023 (7)]

18...Nc4 1.14/19

[18...Bg4± 0.57/18]

19.Ng3 0.00/21

[19.Qg3± 1.14/19]

19...Bd7 0.49/18

[19...Nxb2= 0.00/21 was preferable. 20.Bb3 Qg6]

20.Bb3!±

[20.Nh5 Qe5 21.Bd1 *(21.Ng3 Rae8=)* 21...Nxb2∓]

20...Kh8 0.96/20

[20...Nxe3± 0.49/22 21.Qxe3 c6]

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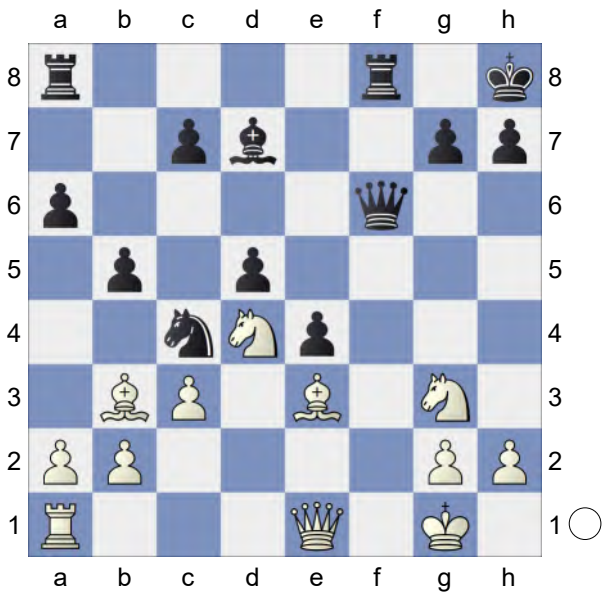
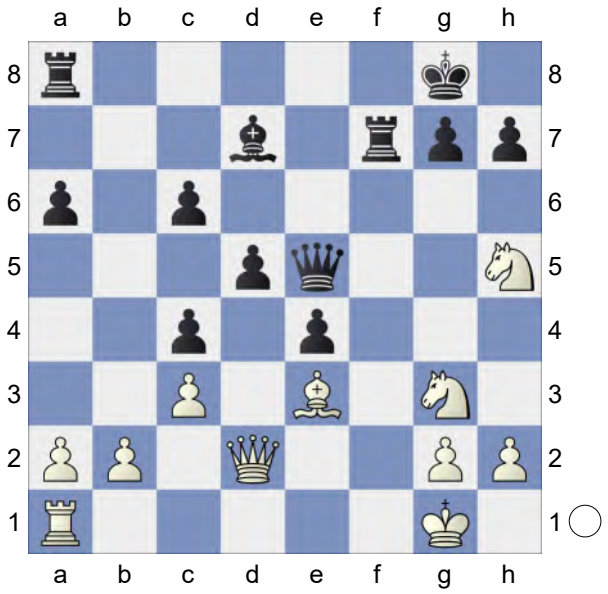


21.Bxc4± bxc4 22.Nde2 Rf7 23.Qd2 c6 24.Nh5 0.60/19
[24.Rf1± 1.08/20 Qe7 25.Rxf7 Qxf7 26.h3]
24...Qe5± 25.Neg3 Kg8!



26.Bd4 Qe7 27.h3 0.00/23 Inhibits Bg4.
[27.b4± 0.55/21]
27...g6= 28.Nf4 Qg5 29.Nge2 Bxh3 30.Be3! Dancing on a razor blade.
30...Bg4

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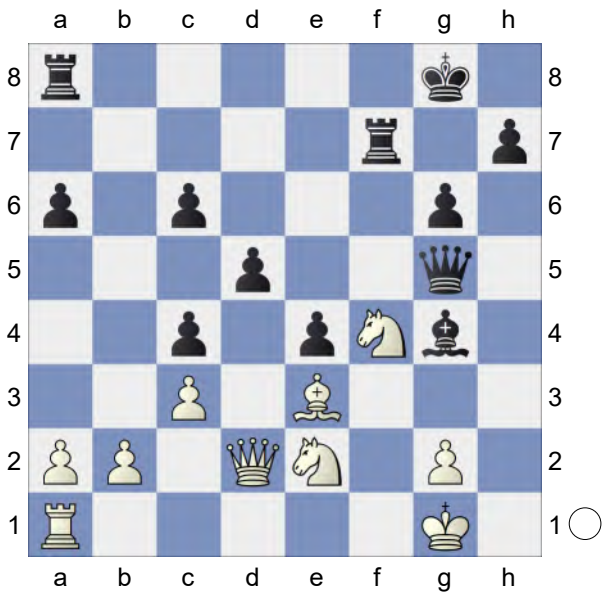
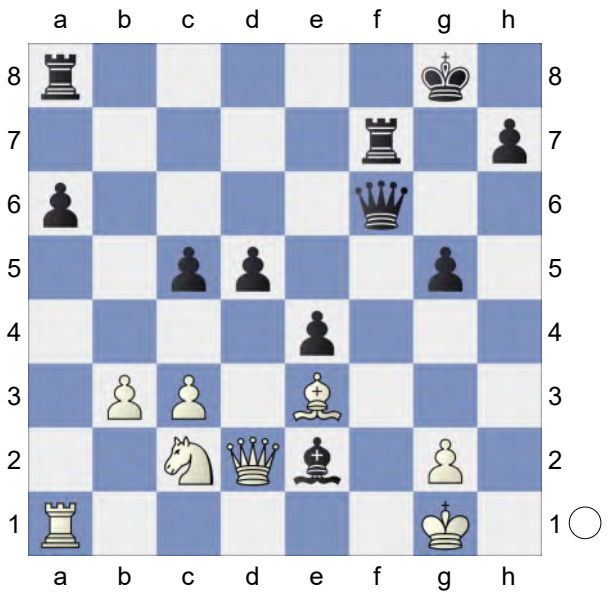
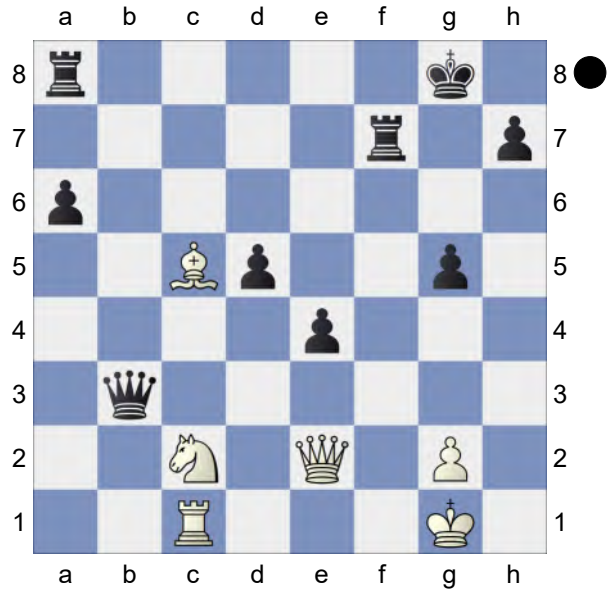


31.Nd4 -0.86/19
[31.Nd3!= 0.00/23 remains equal. Qh4 32.Bg5 *(32.Ne5 Rf5∓)* 32...exd3 *(32...Qh5? 33.Ng3+-* Trapped Piece*)* 33.Bxh4 dxe2 34.Re1]
31...Qf6!∓ 32.b4 cxb3! 33.axb3 g5 34.Nfe2 c5 35.Nc2 Bxe2

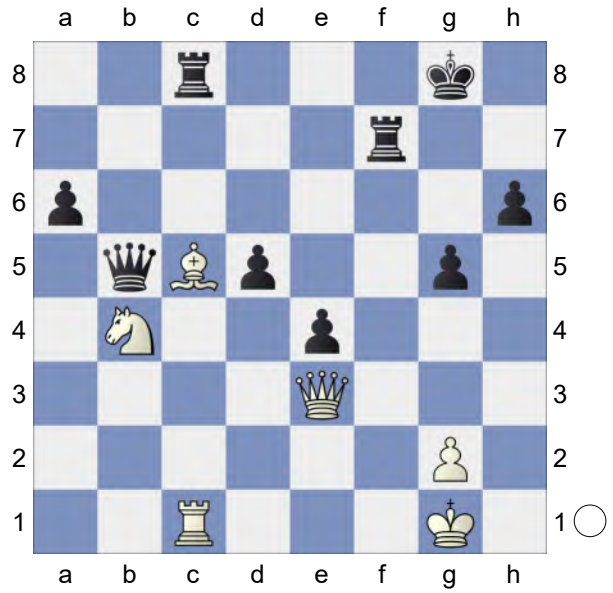


Deflection **36.Qxe2 Qxc3 37.Rc1 Qxb3** -0.18/22
[37...Raf8!∓ -0.73/21 38.Nd4 Qd3 39.Rxc5 Rf1+ 40.Kh2 Qxe2 41.Nxe2 Re1]

38.Bxc5 -0.87/25
[38.Qg4!= -0.18/22]

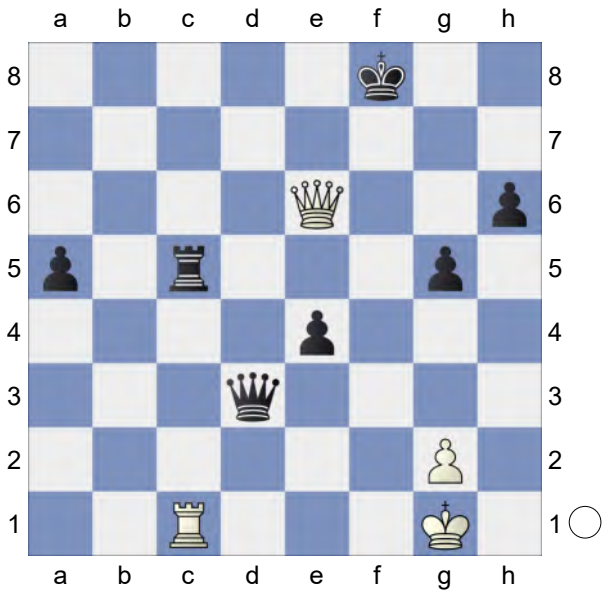


38...Qb5! 39.Qe3 h6 40.Nb4 Rc8 -0.38/19
[40...Rd8∓ -0.76/22 Threatens to win with ...a5. 41.Qh3 Kh7]



41.Qd4!∓ a5 0.23/18
[Better is 41...e3∓ -0.38/24 42.Qxe3 *(42.Qxd5? e2-+)* 42...Rxc5 43.Rxc5 *(43.Qxc5? Rf1+ 44.Kh2 Rxc1-+)* 43...Qxb4 44.Rxd5 Re7]

42.Nxd5= A mistake that costs the game. **42...Qd3?** 5.60/28
[42...Rf1+!= 0.16/21 43.Rxf1 Qxc5 44.Nf6+ Kg7 45.Qxc5 *(45.Nxe4+?* is the wrong capture. *Qxd4+ 46.Nf2 Rf8-+)* 45...Rxc5]
43.Nf6++- White is clearly winning.
43...Rxf6 44.Qxf6 White wants to mate with Qg6+. **44...Rxc5** Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is 3 pawns up. **45.Qe6+**
[45.Rxc5 Qd1+ 46.Kf2 *(46.Qf1 Qd4+ 47.Qf2 Qd1+ 48.Kh2 Qh5+ 49.Kg1 Qd1+ 50.Qf1 Qd4+ 51.Qf2 Qd1+=)* 46...Qd2+ 47.Kg1 Qd1+ 48.Kf2 Qd2+ 49.Kg3 Qe3+ 50.Kh2 *(50.Kg4 Qxc5 51.Qg6+ Kf8∓)* 50...Qxc5=]
45...Kf8



46.Rf1+!
[Inferior is 46.Rxc5 Qe3+ 47.Kh2 Qxc5=]
46...Qxf1+ 47.Kxf1 KQ-KR **47...Rc1+ 48.Kf2 Rh1 49.Qf6+ Kg8 50.Ke3 Rh4**

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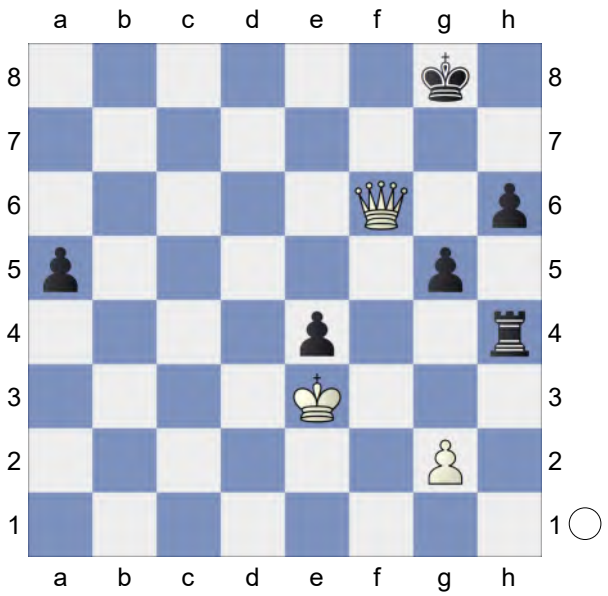
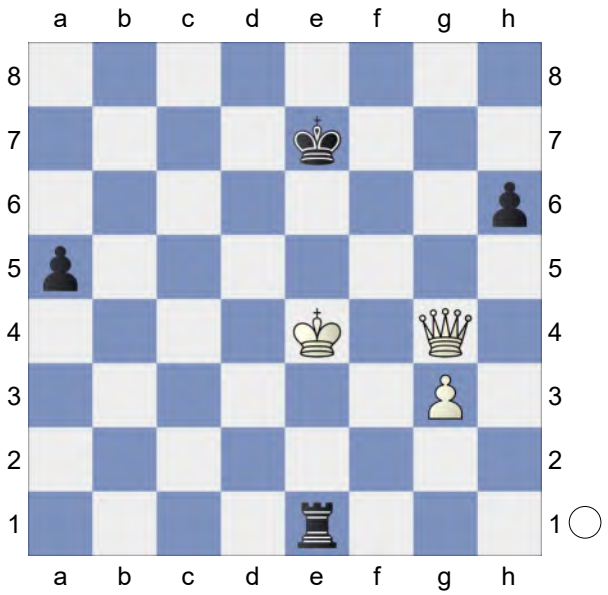


51.g3 Rh1 52.Qg6+ Kf8 53.Kxe4 g4 54.Qf5+ Ke7 55.Qxg4 Re1+



56.Kf5 Rf1+ 57.Kg6 Rf6+ 58.Kg7 Qh4 would now be deadly. **58...Ra6 59.Qc4 Re6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.32

60.Qc7+

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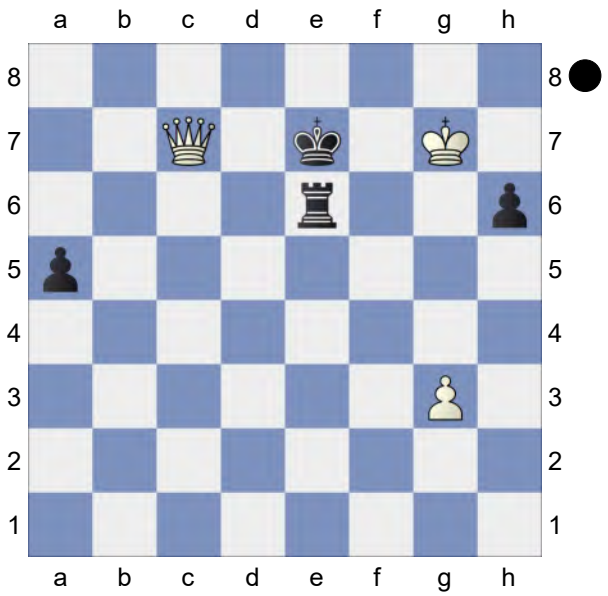

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□ **Mecking,Henrique** **2567**

■ **Kasimdzhanov,Rustam** **2687**

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[Marin,Mihail]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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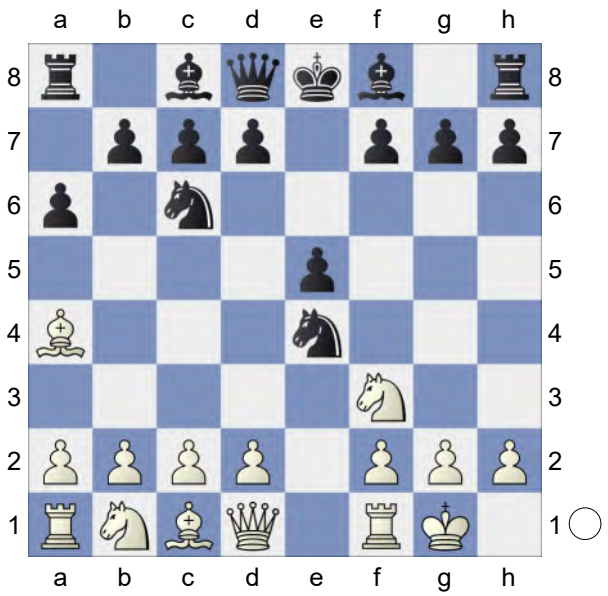
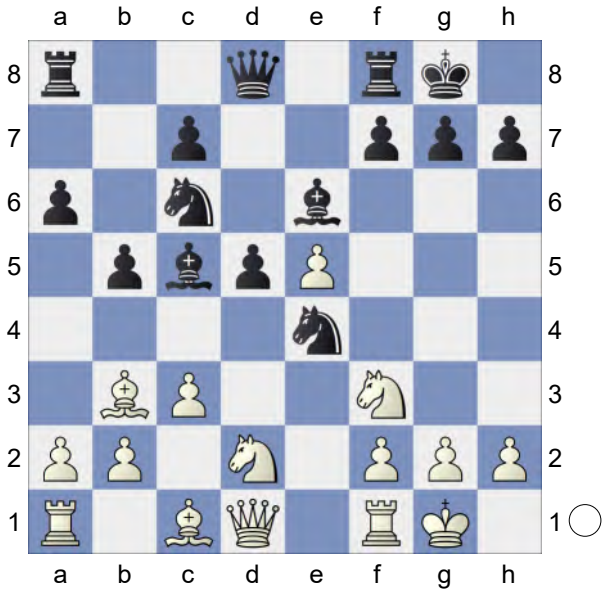
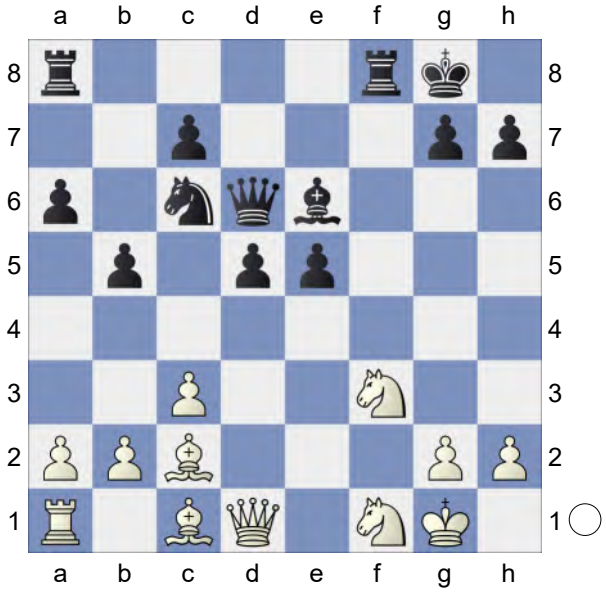


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 This has become a popular method to prevent White from getting the optimal setup based on h3 and ♗d3.
8.dxe5!? A slightly exotic move, designed and employed with success by Epishin. **8...Be6 9.c3 Bc5** Black refrains from the tempting exchange on f3, in order to avoid the opening of the h3-c8 diagonal. In doing so, he took into account another recent game by Mecking (see below). **10.Nbd2 0-0**



11.Bc2 Mecking keeps playing in the same way as against Suba, but, not having any special perspectives for his light-squared bishop, he will not get anywhere. **11...Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2** White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1 fxe5=** Black has achieved a comfortable blockade. Although the position looks more or less equal, in the long run it may offer Black better chances, especially in the event of simplifications.
15.Kg1 Qd6



16.Be3 White has compensation.
[16.Bg5 0.06/17 16.Be3 0.54 e4 17.Nd4!? Ne5! 18.Ne3 Dodges Bg4 Bd7! 19.Bh4
A) 19...c5
A1) 20.Nb3 Nd3! 21.Qh5 Be6! 22.Bxd3 exd3 23.Bg3 Qc6 -0.27/19 *(23...Qe7!∓* -0.66/20 feels stronger. *)*;
A2) 20.Bb3 cxd4 21.Bxd5+ Be6 22.Bxa8 Rxa8 23.Qxd4 Qxd4 24.cxd4 Nc4;
B) 19...c5= 0.00/20;
C) 19...Qh6 1.44/24 Wards off Qh5 20.Ndf5± Black has no obvious way

to connect rooks, while White is fully mobilised. Bxf5 21.Nxf5 Nf3+ *(21...Rxf5?? 4.63/17 21...Nf3+ 1.32 22.Qxd5+)* 22.Qxf3 Qb6+∞ 2.32/19 *(22...Qxh4± 1.45/19 23.Nxh4 exf3)* 23.Qe3+- Rxf5 24.Qxb6 cxb6 is not entirely clear either. This is a new move. I have investigated the alternatives in the notes to 25.Bf2 Harikrishna,P (2673)-Cheparinov,I (2618)/ Pamplona 2005/CBM 111/[Marin,M] (1/2, 37)]

[16.Ng5 Bf5 17.Bb3 *(17.Bxf5 Rxf5 18.Ng3 Rf6 19.Be3* Against Qc5 *h6)* 17...Ne7 18.Ng3!

A) 18...c6 0.47/22 18...Kh8 -0.30 19.Be3 h6 20.N5e4 Qg6 1.11/19 *(20...Bxe4!± 0.57/19 21.Nxe4 Qg6)* 21.Bc5 Rf7 2.02/20 *(21...Bxe4 22.Bxe7 Rf7 23.Bc5; 21...Bxe4± 0.99/22 22.Bxe7 Rfe8)* 22.Nd6+- Bg4 23.Qd2;

B) 18...Kh8! 19.Nxf5 Nxf5 20.Qh5 *(20.Qxd5? -5.14/18* 20.Qh5 0.00 *Qb6+ 21.Kh1 Ng3+! 22.hxg3 Rf1+ 23.Kh2 Qg1+ 24.Kh3 Qh1+ 25.Kg4 h5#; 20.Bxd5 Rad8)* 20...h6]

16...Bf5

[16...Rad8

A) 17.Ng3 -0.78/18 17.Qe1 0.72 Bg4 18.h3? -1.71/19 *(18.Bxh7+! Kh8!; 18.Bxh7+!=* -0.19/22 and White is okay. *Kh8 19.Qc2 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Rxf3 21.Bg5)* 18...e4!-+ 19.Nxe4 This should not face Black with any problems, because after the exchange of queens the black king feels more comfortable. dxe4? This is just asking for trouble. 20.Qxd6 cxd6 21.Bxe4 -2.28/20 *(21.Nd4 -1.62/20 Bd7 22.Bxe4)* 21...d5!;

B) 17.Ng5 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Ng3

B1) 19...Rf6?! This move helps Black simplify the position. 20.Qc2 e4 21.N5xe4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Qe6 *(22...Qd3!? 23.Nxf6+ gxf6±)* 23.Nxf6+ Qxf6;

B2) 19...Rff8 20.Qg4 Rf6± /± . Dodges Ne6Black has managed to establish a blockade, but needs several tempi to get fully developed.;

C) 17.Qe1!

C1) 17...h6 0.70/18 17...Bf5 0.33 18.Rd1 *(18.Ng3)*

C1a) 18...Qe7 1.24/18 18...d4 0.51 19.Qg3 Qf6 20.Bc5± 1.02/18 Rowson,J (2599)-Ward,C (2485)/ Douglas 2005/CBM 107 ext (1-0, 50) *(⌓20.N1d2* 1.42/19 *)* Mecking had had some recent experience against 20...Rf7 1.50/20 *(⌓20...Rfe8* 1.02/18 *)* 21.Ne3;

C1b) 18...d4⇄ Epishin,V (2527)-Degraeve,J (2551)/Bad Wiessee 2006/EXT 2007 (1/2, 41). It is far from clear whether White's central pawns are strong or weak. 19.cxd4 exd4 20.Nxd4 Bxa2 21.Nf5 Qe5 22.Rxd8 Rxd8± Epishin,V (2599)-Kovacevic,S (2367)/ Seville 2005/CBM 104 ext (1-0, 31) 23.b3 a5 24.Qh4! a4!;

C2) 17...Bf5 18.Bxf5 *(18.Bb3)* 18...Rxf5

C2a) 19.Ng3 Rff8 20.Rd1 *(20.b4 d4!)* 20...h6;

C2b) 19.Rd1 h6 Prevents

Bg5 20.Bf2 Rf7⇄ Mecking,H (2565)-Suba,M (2487)/Bazna 2008/CBM 124 Extra (1/2, 71). White may have overestimated this position when capturing on d7. In fact, the d6-pawn is likely to become weak and, instinctively, I prefer Black already. 21.Bg3 Qc5+ 22.Bf2 *(22.Kh1* -0.20/19 22.Bf2 0.32 *d4)* 22...Qd6 23.Qe2± Rdf8 24.Bg3 Qc5+ 25.Bf2! Qd6 26.Bg3 Qc5+ 27.Bf2!N This seems to be s strong novelty. White will not manage to connect his pawns, because of the weakness of the f4-square.]

[16...Bg4 1.74/18 16...e4 0.58 17.Bxh7+! Kh8 *(17...Kxh7!?±* 2.30/18 17...Kh8 1.68would anticipate the move recommended in the next comment. *18.Ng5+! Kg8 19.Qxg4=)* 18.Qe1! Qf6? 4.21/20 The idea is correct, but the concrete form - rather careless. *(18...Bxf3* 2.66/18 18...Kxh7 1.53 *19.Qh4±* The knight is stronger than the bishop and White is a pawn up.*; 18...Kxh7±* 1.39/19 *19.Qh4+ Kg8 20.Qxg4 Rae8)* 19.Ng5+- g6 20.Qh4 Bh5? 21.Ng3? d4 9.65/17 *(⌓21...Ne7* 4.89/16 *22.Nxh5 Nf5 23.Nxf6 Nxh4)* 22.Nxh5+- gxh5 23.Qxh5 Kg7= Mecking,H (2567)-Leitao,R (2590)/ Internet ICC 2008/CBM 127 Extra (1/2, 38). Prevents Bg6. 24.Be4! Qh6 25.Ne6+]

17.Bb3

[17.Bxf5 0.46/19 17.Bb3 0.84 Rxf5 18.Ng3 Rff8 19.b4 d4 20.cxd4 exd4 21.Nxd4 Qe5 22.Qb3+! Kh8 23.Nc2! White gives up his active bishop for an illusion.]

17...Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5! 19.Qf2 Nb7 Inhibits Bc5.

[19...Nxb3 0.88/19 19...Nb7 0.40 Black is relatively stable, because 20.axb3 can be answered with Rf7! 1.99/18 *(20...d4±* 0.88/23 *21.cxd4 exd4 22.Bxd4 Rfe8)* 21.Bc5+- Qf6⇄ 22.Qg3?! Re8 23.Re1 Bd3 24.N1d2 e4 25.Ng5 Qc6+- Epishin,V (2610)-Gofshtein,L (2522)/playchess.com INT 2004/CBM 099 ext (1-0, 28) Since my comments to the aforementioned game Harikrishna-Cheparinov, there have been some developments after 26.b4 Rf5 27.Nh3 Rf7 2.70/20 *(⌓27...Bc4* 1.74/18 *28.Nf2 Qh6)* 28.Nf2]

20.Re1 c5N 1.03/23

[20...Bg4 21.Qg3 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Na5 This is the only way to question the viability of Black's plan, but it is double edged, because the d6-pawn may become vulnerable. 23.Bc2 Nc4 24.Bc1! Rde8 25.Ne3!]

[20...Rde8 21.Qd2∞ *(21.Ng3 Bd3 22.Qd2 e4 23.Nh4 Qd7!)* 21...c6! 22.Ng3 *(22.Bd1 a5 23.b4 axb4 24.cxb4 Bg4 25.h3 Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Qg6 27.Qe2 Qf6 28.Bb6 g6 29.Qc2 h5 30.Bd1 Re6 31.Qc3 Nd6 32.Bb3 Kh7 33.Ng3 Qg5 34.Ne4 Nxe4 35.Rxe4 dxe4 36.Bxe6 Qf6* (39) Spagnoli,L-Bida,M URS-ch Soviet Union 1983*)* 22...Bg4! 23.Ng5 With the idea Qd3. Kh8! *(23...h6-+* 0.97/20 23...Kh8 0.25 *24.N5e4!)* 24.Bc2 h6 25.Nh3∞ Bxh3? 26.gxh3 Nd8]

[20...Bd3∞ 21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2]

[20...Rde8± 0.43/23]

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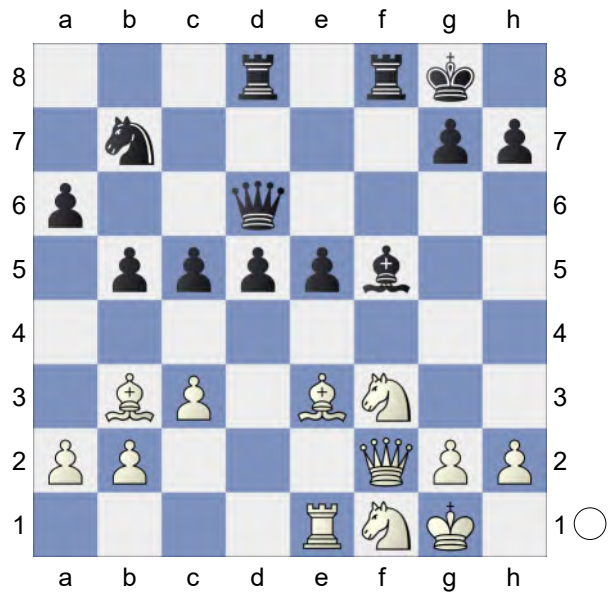

21.Ng3 0.00/21
[21.Bg5! c4 *(With the bishop on h6, 21...Rde8 22.Rxe5* would promise White even less. The d6-pawn risks becoming vulnerable. In the event of *22...Rxe5* , apart from transposing above with 11...♗xf3, Black could try *23.Bf4!)* 22.Bxd8 cxb3 23.Bh4 bxa2 24.Ra1! Bb1=]
[21.Bg5!± 1.03/23 Rde8 22.Rxe5]
21...Bd3 22.Qd2↑ White is more active.
22...c4 0.72/26
[22...e4 23.Nh4 *(23.Ng5)*]
[22...e4= 0.00/21 23.Nh4 Na5]
23.Bd1!±
[23.Bc2 0.00/20 23.Bd1 0.76 Bxc2 24.Qxc2 Nc5 25.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 26.Kh1 Black must now prevent Ng5!. d4]
23...Rd7 24.Bf2
[24.b4]
24...Rdf7 25.Nh1
[25.Rxe5 Rxf3 26.Bxf3 Qxe5-+]
25...e4

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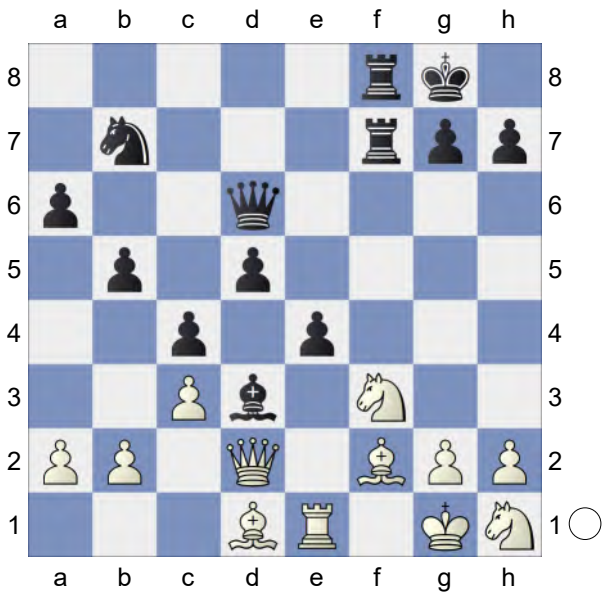
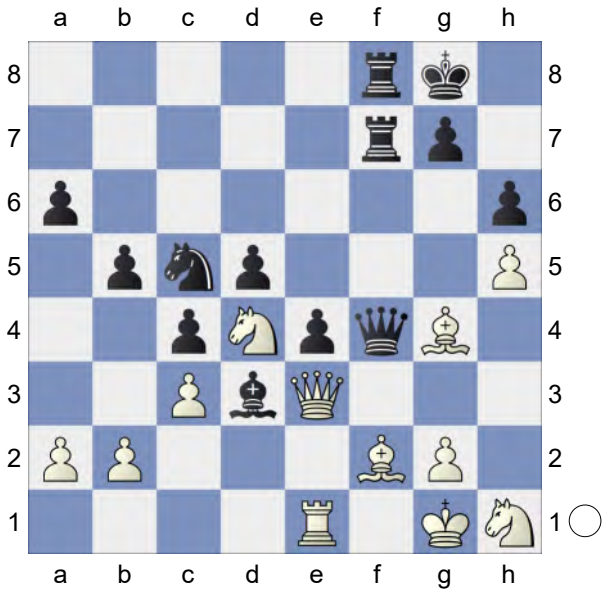


26.Nd4 Qg6
[26...Nc5 27.h3]
27.h4 Nc5 1.51/21
[27...h5]
[Black should play 27...h5 0.78/22]
28.h5! Qd6 1.90/20
[28...Qf6± 1.33/21]
29.Bg4!+- h6 30.Qe3 Qf4



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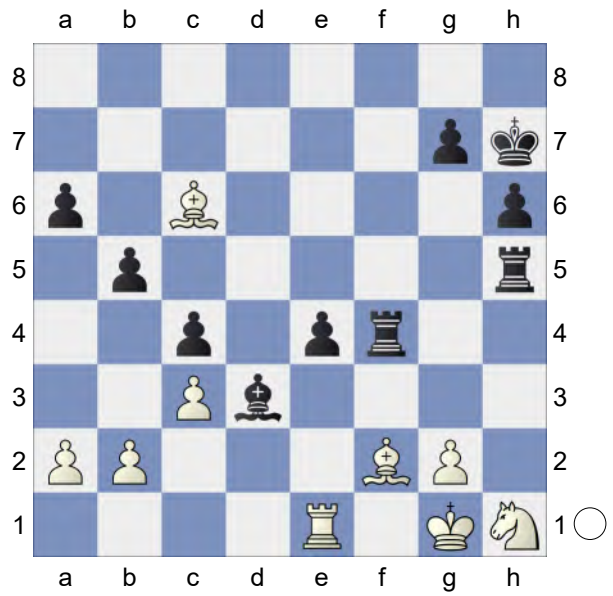

36.Bd4 Rhf5 37.Nf2 Rf7 38.b4
[38.Bxe4+?! Bxe4 39.Nxe4 Rg4± *(39...Re7? 40.Ng5+* Discovered Attack *Kg6 41.Rxe7+-)*]
38...h5 2.97/23
[38...e3± 1.47/23 39.Nxd3 *(39.Bxe3 Re7±)* 39...cxd3 40.Bxe3 *(40.Rxe3? d2-+)* 40...Re7]
39.a4
[39.Be8 e3 40.Bxe3 Re7 41.Bxh5]
[39.Bxe4+ Bxe4 40.Nxe4 Rf8 41.Ng5+ Kh8+-]
39...bxa4 40.Bxa4 This pair of bishops is nice.
[40.Bxe4+?! Bxe4 41.Nxe4 R7f5±]
40...h4 2.66/23
[40...R4f5 1.72/20 41.Bc6 *(41.Nxe4? Rf1+ 42.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 43.Kh2 Bxe4-+)* 41...e3 42.Bxe3 Re7]

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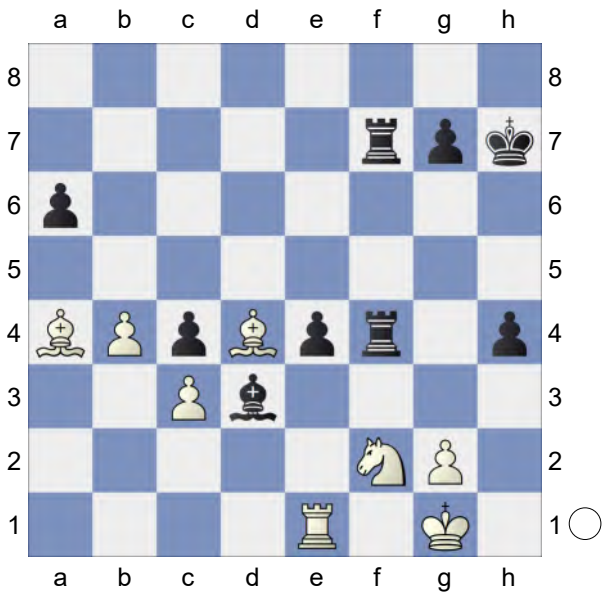
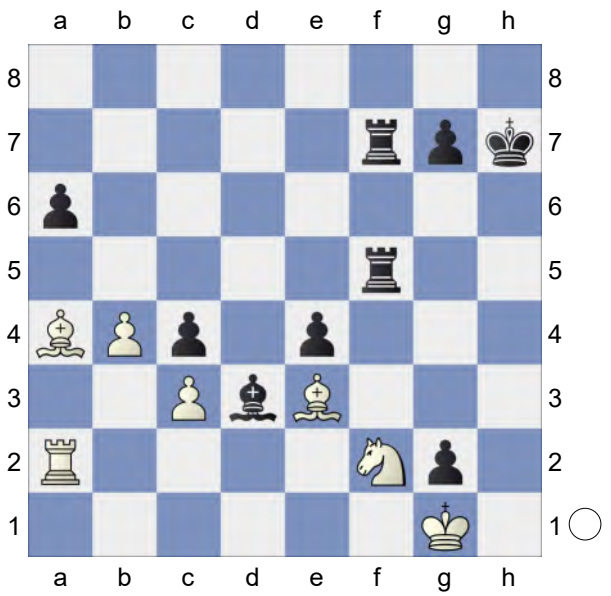
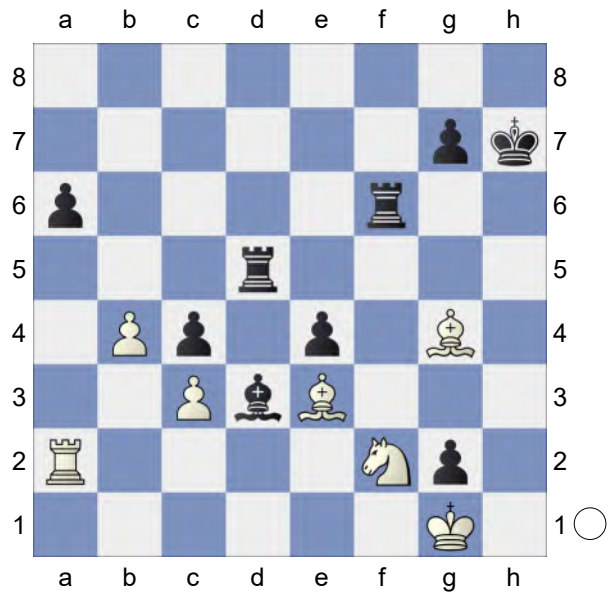


41.Be3 R4f5 42.Ra1 h3 43.Ra2
[43.gxh3 Rf3 44.Ng4 Rg3+ 45.Kh2 Rff3∓]
43...hxg2

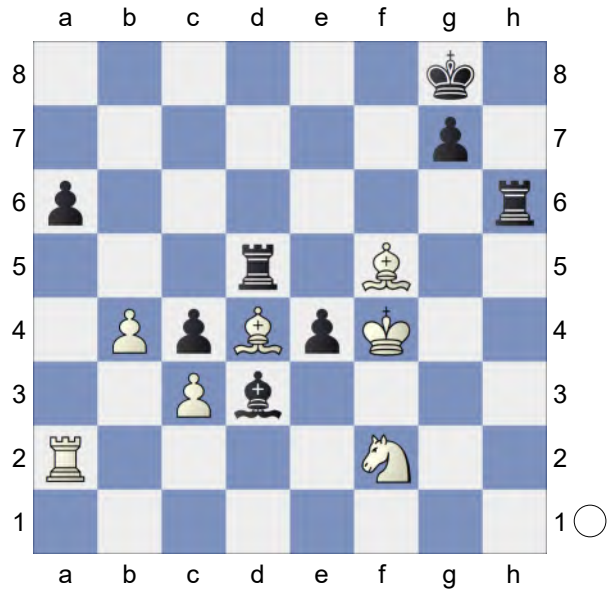


44.Bd1 Wards off Rf3 **44...R7f6** 2.19/23
[⌓44...Bb1 1.65/21 45.Rxa6 Rf8]
45.Bg4!
[45.Kxg2 Rg6+ 46.Kh2 Kg8±]
45...Rd5

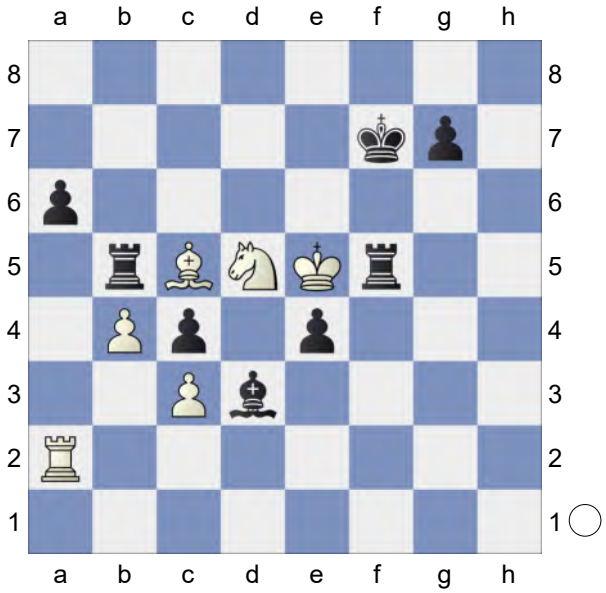
(Diagram)



46.Kxg2 Rg6 47.Kg3 Bf1 48.Bd4
[48.Nxe4 Re5 49.Ng5+ Rexg5 50.Bxg5 Rxg5±]
48...Bd3 49.Kf4 Kg8 50.Bf5
[50.Nxe4 Rxg4+ 51.Kxg4 Bxe4±]
50...Rh6

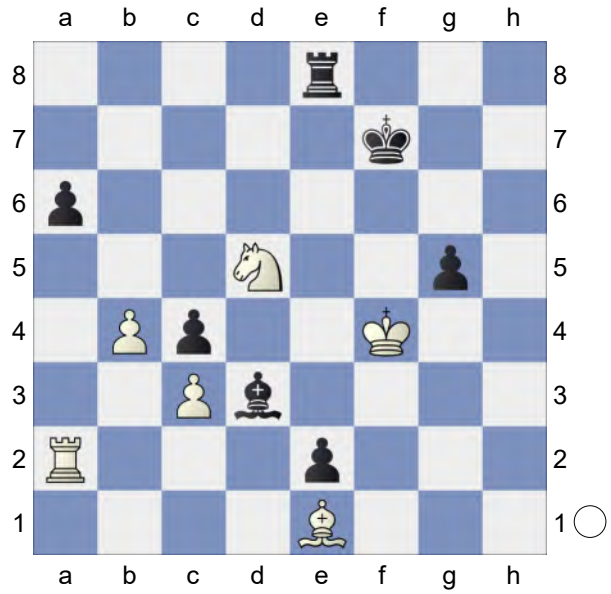


51.Ng4
[51.Bxe4 Rh4+ 52.Ke3 Bxe4+-]
51...Rhd6 52.Ne3
[52.Bxe4 Bxe4 53.Kxe4 Rh5+-]
52...Rb5 53.Bc5
[53.Bxe4 Bxe4 54.Kxe4 Re6+ 55.Kf4 g6+-]
53...Rf6 54.Ke5 Kf7 55.Nd5
[55.Bxe4? Re6+ 56.Kd5 Bxe4+∓ *(56...Rxe4 57.Nf5=)*]
55...Rxf5+

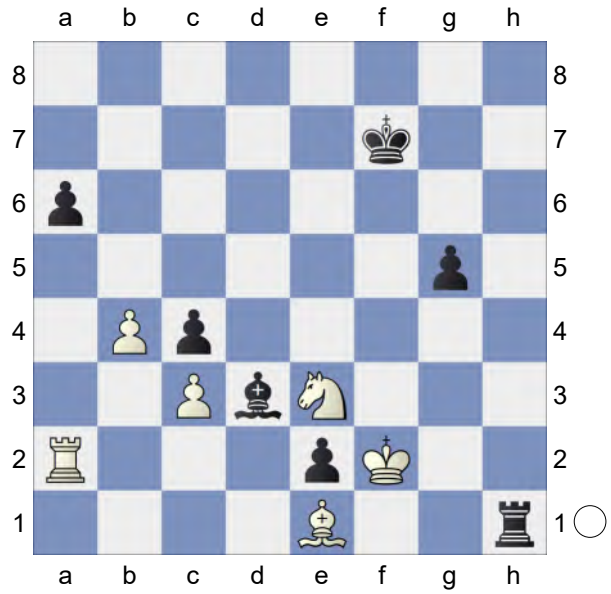


I have extensively examined this type of ending in my comments for Chessbase.com, to the game Radjabov,T (2735)-Van Wely,L (2681)/Wijk aan Zee 2008/ [Mihail Marin] (1/2, 85). **56.Kxf5??** Instinctively, it may seem logical to keep the king close to the pawn, but not that close! The proximity of the corner will offer Black mating ideas. It is strange that such a great player of the old school did not remember (or simply know) this simple detail. It remains beyond any doubt that Fischer, the man whome Mecking considered to be his main rival in the Occidental world, would indicate the correct defensive method even when sleeping. **56...e3+ 57.Ke5 e2 58.Bf2**
[58.Rxa6? e1Q+ 59.Kf4 Qe4+ 60.Kg3 Qxd5-+]
58...Rb8 59.Be1 Re8+ 60.Kf4 1.22/18
[60.Kd4]
[60.Kd4+- 2.68/24 has better winning chances.]

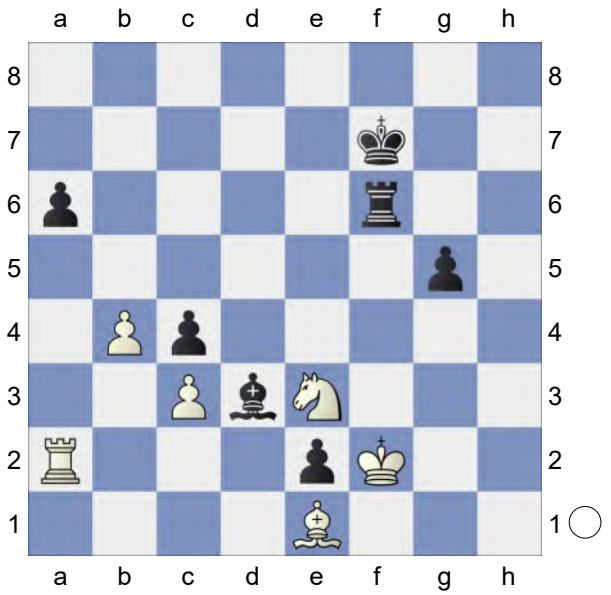
60...g5+±



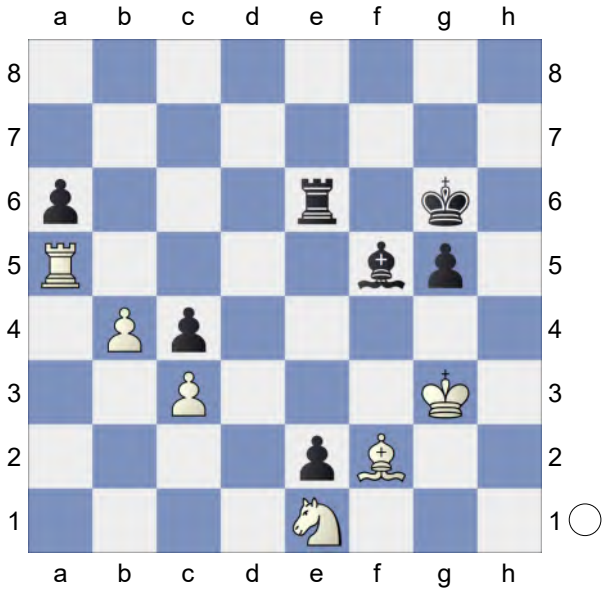
61.Kg3
[61.Kxg5 -0.01/18 61.Kg4 1.39 Re5+]
[61.Kxg5 Re5+ 62.Kf4 Rxd5∓]
61...Re6? 2.40/22
[61...Re5± 0.79/23]
62.Kf2 1.31/20
[White should play 62.Ra5+- 2.40/22]
62...Rh6 63.Ke3 Re6+ 64.Kf2 Rh6 65.Ne3 Rf6+ 3.06/23
[65...Rh1



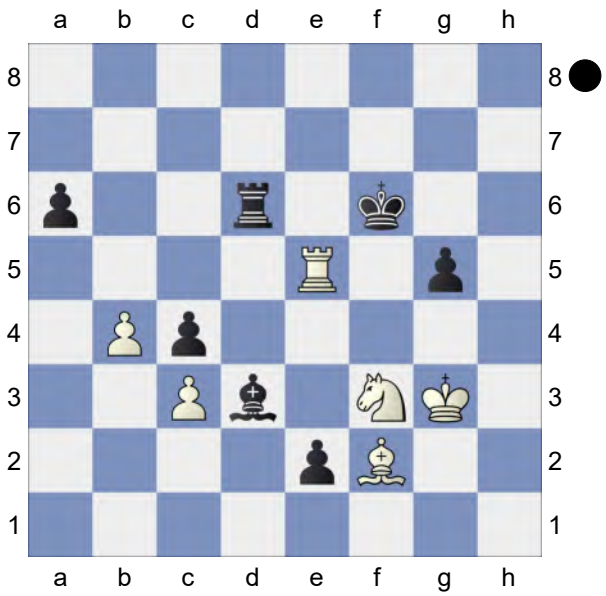
...Rf1+ is the strong threat. 66.Ng2!
g4]
[65...Rh1 1.81/20 was worth a try. 66.Ng2 *(66.Rxa6? Rf1+* Deflection *67.Kg3 Rxe1-+)* 66...g4]



66.Kg3+-
[Not 66.Kg1? Rf1+ 67.Kh2 Rxe1-+]
66...Rf1 67.Ng2 Rf6 68.Bf2 Kg6 69.Ra5 Re6 70.Ne1 Bf5



71.Nf3 Rd6 72.Nd4 Bd3 73.Re5 Kf6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
74.Nf3



Loss on time!?
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50 **C82**
□ **Schmid,Pablo** **2516**
■ **Andersson,Magnus** **2400**
corr WC46/sf 1 31.07.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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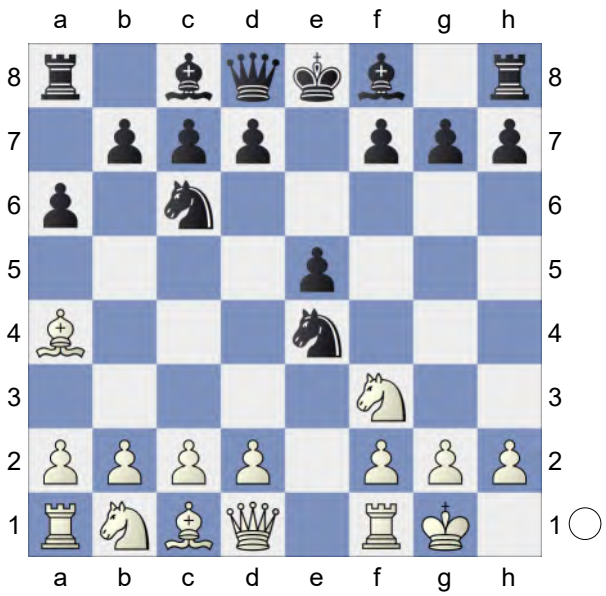
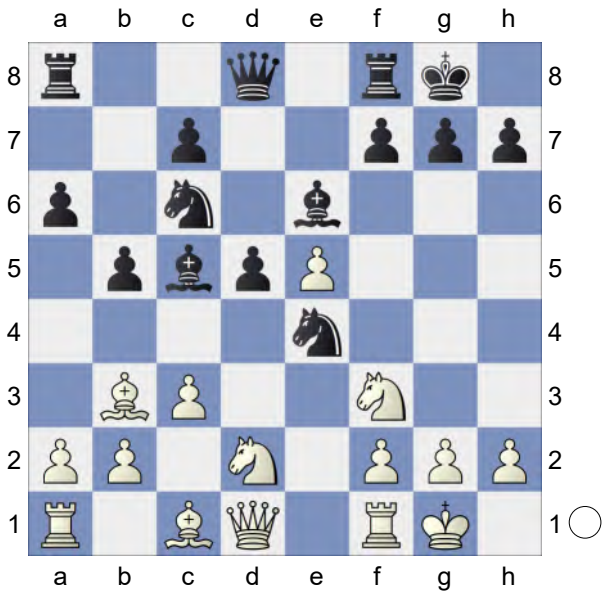
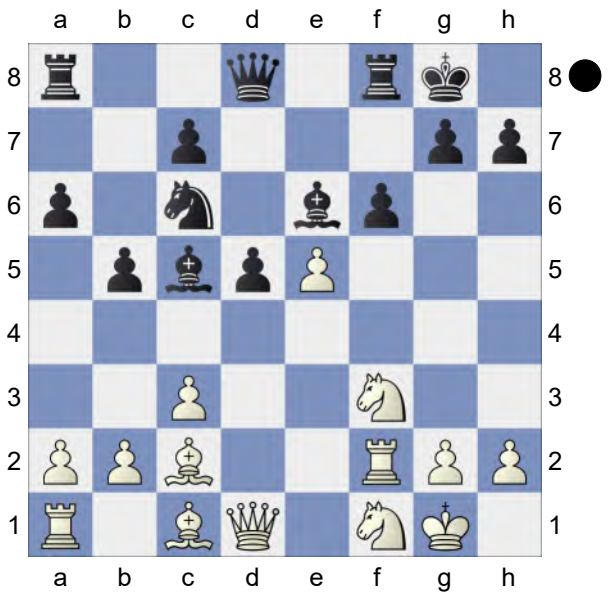


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

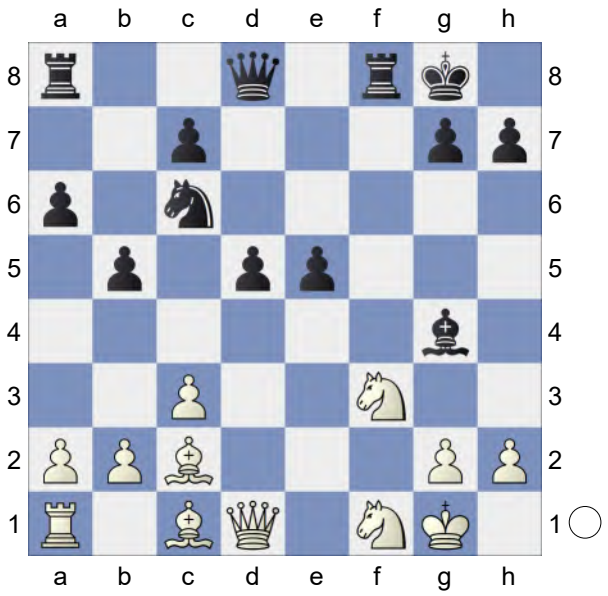


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.Nf1

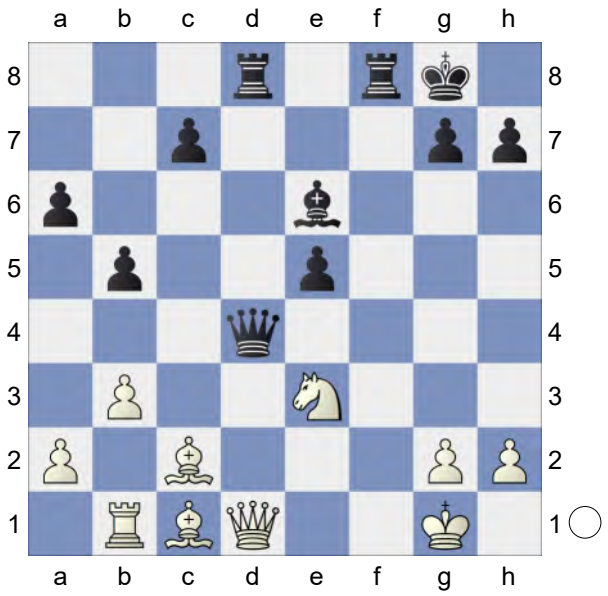
(Diagram)



Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1
White is slightly better. **15...Bg4**

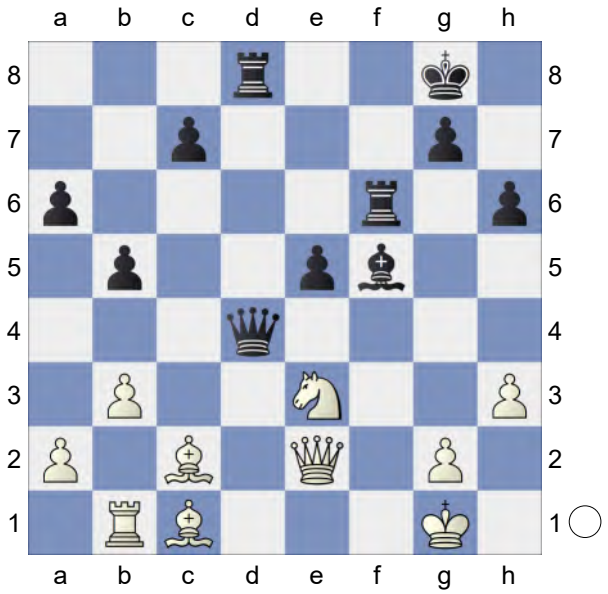


16.Ne3!
[16.b4 e4 0-1 (18) Perevertkin,V (2615)-Schmid,P (2522) corr SUI-35/A (SUI) 2020]
16...Be6 17.b3 d4
[17...a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]
18.cxd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4
[19.Nxe5 Qf6 20.Bb2 *(20.Qxd4 Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Qe1+)* 20...Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Nxc2 22.Nxc2 c5∓]
[19.Qd3 looks sharper. g6 20.Nxe5 Qf6 21.Bb2]
19...Qxd4N
[19...exd4 20.Bb2 dxe3 *(20...c5 21.Qh5 h6 22.Qg6 Rf6 23.Qh7+ Kf7 24.Bd1* 10. Ruy Lopez Open-Open 6...b5,9*)* 21.Qh5 g6 22.Bxg6 Qe7 23.Re1 Rf2 24.Rxe3 Rxb2 25.Bxh7+ Kg7 26.Rg3+ Kf8 27.Be4 10. Ruy Lopez Open-Open 6...b5,9]
20.Rb1 Rad8



21.h3! White has compensation. **21...h6**
22.Qh5 0.00/24
[22.Qe1± 0.58/20]
22...Rf6 23.Qe2 Bf5!

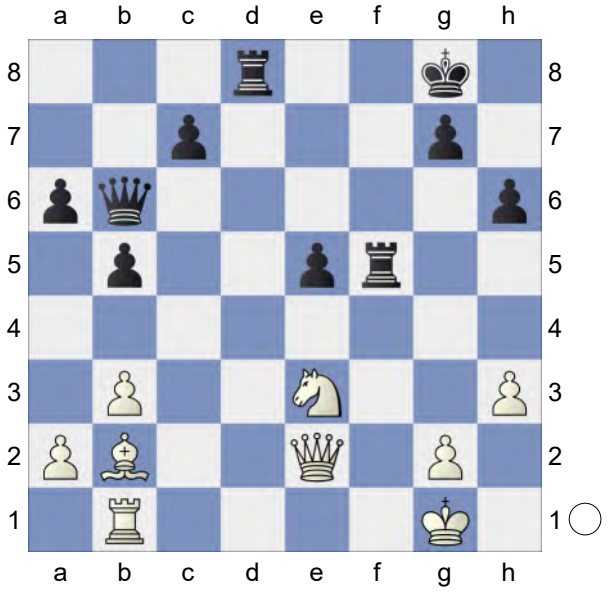
(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...Bxc2. **24.Bb2 Qb6 25.Bxf5**

[25.Bxe5 Re8 *(25...Bxc2 26.Bxf6 Bd3 27.Qf3∓)* 26.Bxf6 Rxe3-+]

25...Rxf5



26.Kh1 Rf4 27.Ng4

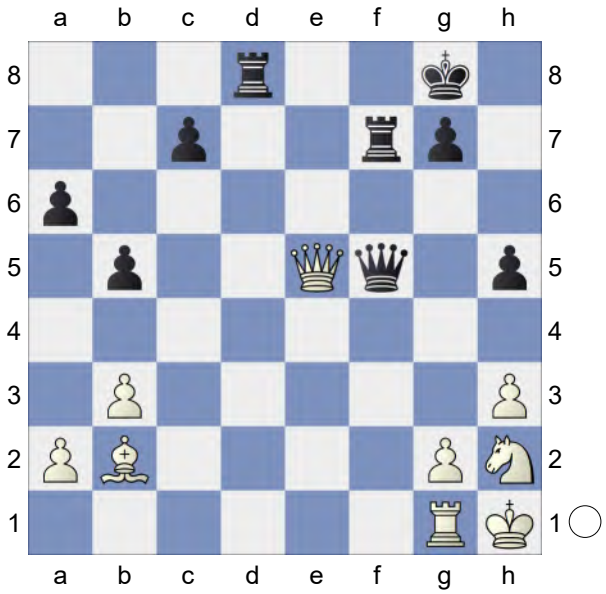
[27.Bxe5? Re4 28.Bxg7 Rxe3-+ *(28...Qxe3 29.Qxe3* Remove Defender *Rxe3 30.Bxh6∓)*]

27...h5 The position is equal. **28.Qxe5**

[Don't play 28.Bxe5 Qe6 29.Re1 Rf5±]

28...Qg6 29.Rg1 Chess con chili.

29...Rf7 30.Nh2 Qf5



31.Qe2 Qf2 32.Qe5 Qf5 33.Qe2 Threatening Nf3. **33...Qf2 34.Qe5** Rf1! is the strong threat.

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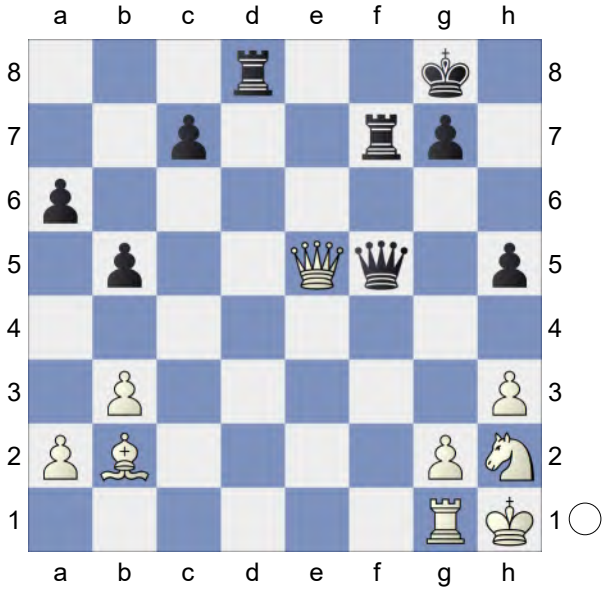
34...Qf5



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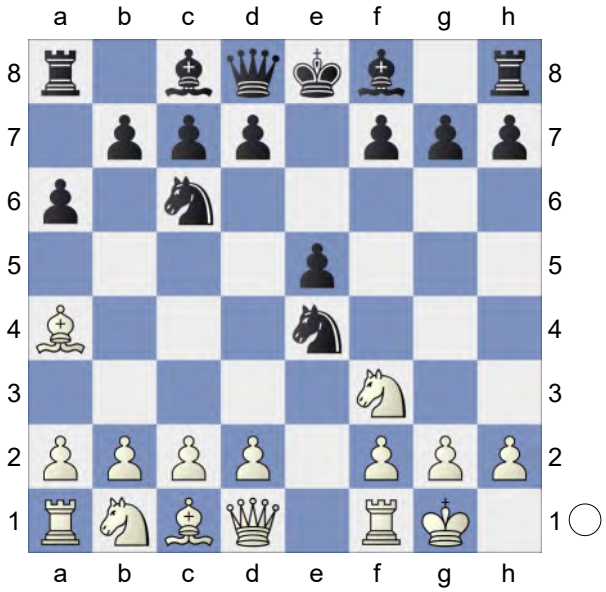
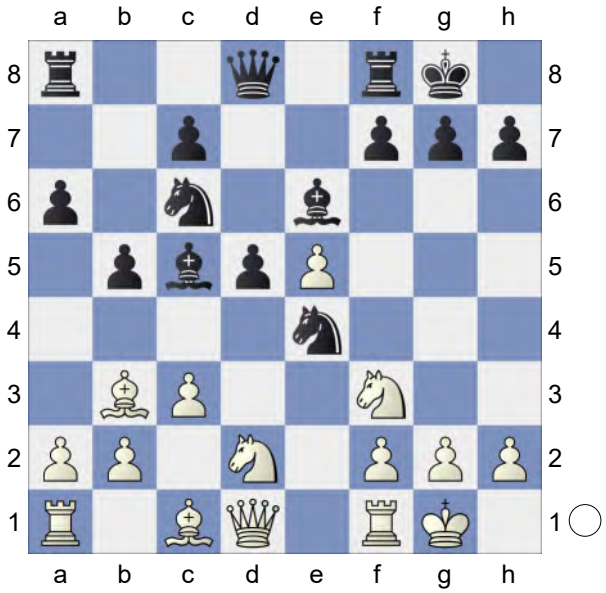
51 **C82**
□ **Fromm,Marius** **2472**
■ **Gallo Garcia,Kemel Antonio** **2356**
Wch U20 60th (8) 29.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

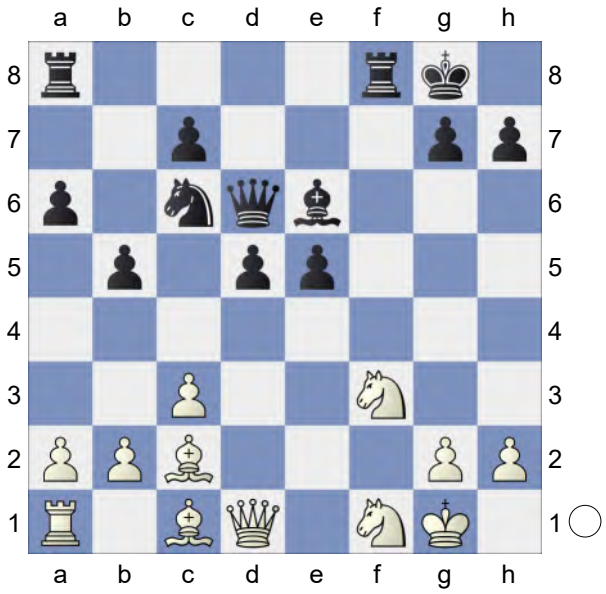
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1** is recently more successful than 14.exf6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 14.exf6. **14...fxe5 15.Kg1** aiming for Ng5. **15...Qd6**



16.Be3 Rad8

[16...e4 17.Ng5 Ne5 18.Bxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Qxf1 dxe4 20.Rd1 Qc6 21.Bd4 Ng6 22.Qe2 Bd5 23.h4 h6 24.Nh3 Rf8 25.Qg4 Qe6 26.Qg3 Rf5 27.h5 Ne5 28.Nf4 Qf7 29.Ng6 Nxg6 30.hxg6 Qe7 31.Be3 1-0 (42) Gorodetzky,D (2492)-Zanan,E (2483) Ramat Gan Winter op rapid 2023 (4)]

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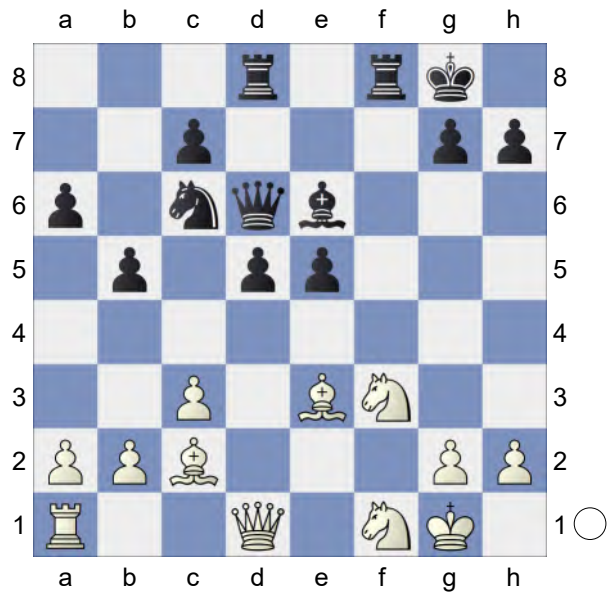

17.Qe1! Bf5 18.Bxf5N 0.00/20

[18.Bb3± 0.65/18 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7 20.Re1 Rde8 *(20...c5 21.Ng3 Bd3 22.Qd2 c4 23.Bd1 Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7 25.Nh1 e4 26.Nd4 Qg6 27.h4 Nc5 28.h5 Qd6 29.Bg4 h6 30.Qe3 Qf4 31.Qxf4 Rxf4 32.Ne6 Nxe6 33.Bxe6+ Kh7 34.Bxd5 R8f5 35.Bc6* 1-0 (74) Nakamura,H (2760)-Caruana,F (2783) Candidates Tournament 2022 (8)*)* 21.Qd2 c6 22.Bd1 a5 23.b4 axb4 24.cxb4 Bg4 25.h3 Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Qg6 27.Qe2 Qf6 28.Bb6 g6 29.Qc2 h5 30.Bd1 Re6 31.Qc3 Nd6 32.Bb3 Kh7 33.Ng3 (39) Open Spanish-9.c3 Bc5!? and 9.Nbd2 Nc5]

18...Rxf5= 19.Rd1 h6 Dodges Bg5

20.Bf2 e4N 0.63/19

[Vorgänger: 20...Rf7 21.Bg3 Qc5+ 22.Bf2 Qd6 23.Qe2 Rdf8 24.Bg3 Qc5+ 25.Bf2! Qd6 Hoping for ...e4. 26.Bg3 Qc5+ 27.Bf2! ½-½ Caruana, F (2792)-Van Foreest,J (2702) Tata Steel-A 84th 2022 (8)]

[20...Rf7= 0.09/19]

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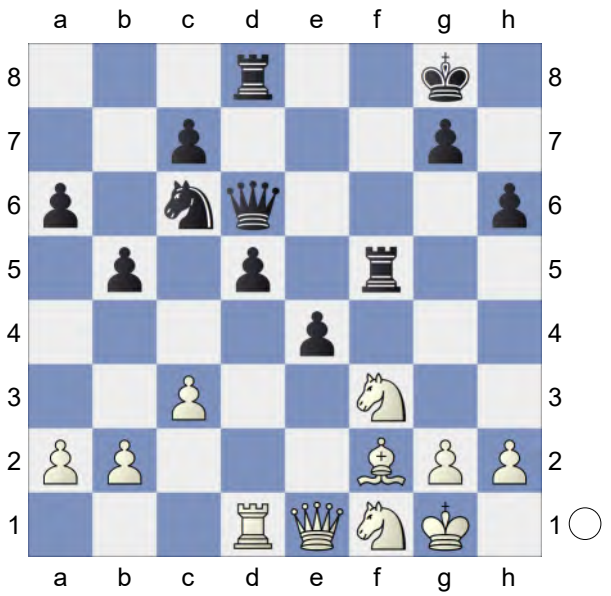
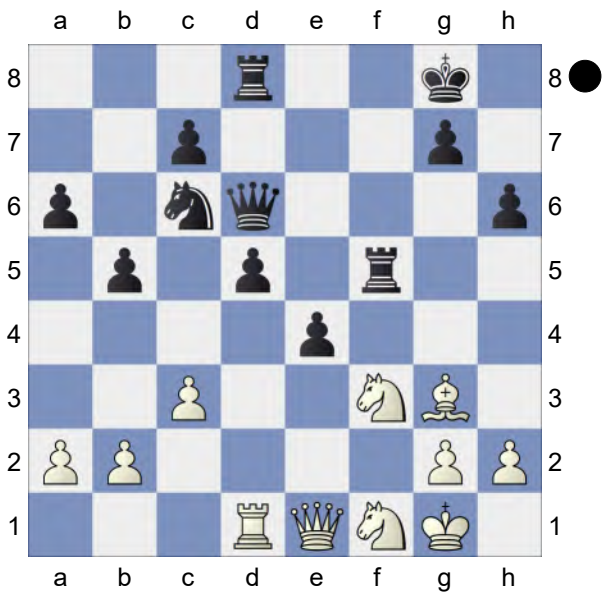


21.Bg3? -1.69/22

[21.Nd4!± 0.63/19 keeps the upper hand. Nxd4 22.cxd4]



21...exf3!-+ 22.Bxd6 f2+ 23.Qxf2 Rxf2 24.Kxf2 Rxd6∓ Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up.

[24...cxd6?! 25.Rxd5 Rf8+ 26.Ke2±]

25.Ne3 d4

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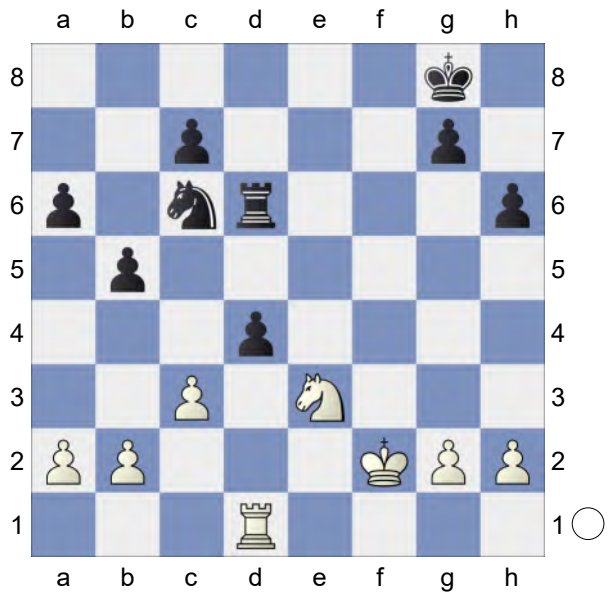
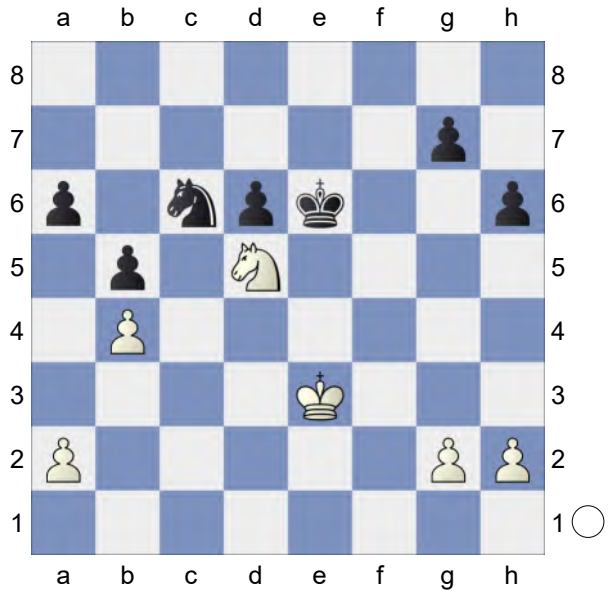


26.cxd4 Nxd4
[26...Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Nxd4 28.Nd5±]
27.b4 -1.83/20
[27.Rc1∓ -1.23/17]
27...Nc6 -1.22/20
[27...Kf7-+ -1.83/20 28.Rc1 Ne6]
28.Rxd6 cxd6 KN-KN. Black is a pawn up. **29.Nd5 Kf7 30.Ke3 Ke6** -1.27/24
[Black should play 30...Ke8-+ -1.95/28
31.Ke4 *(31.Nc7+ Kd7∓)* 31...Ne7]



31.Ke4
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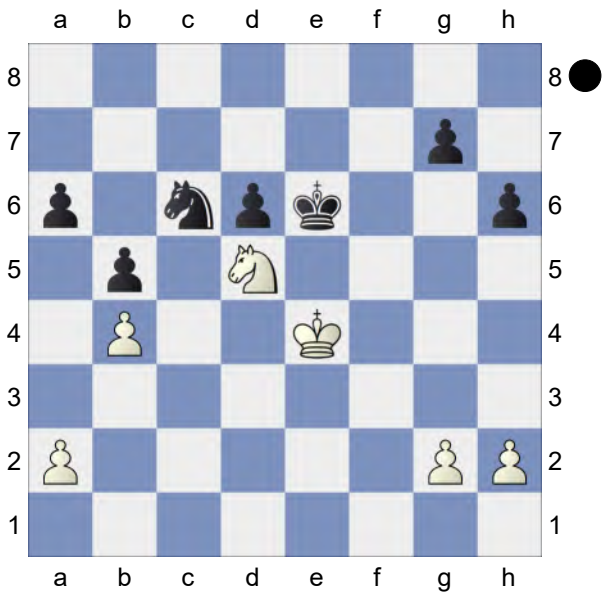
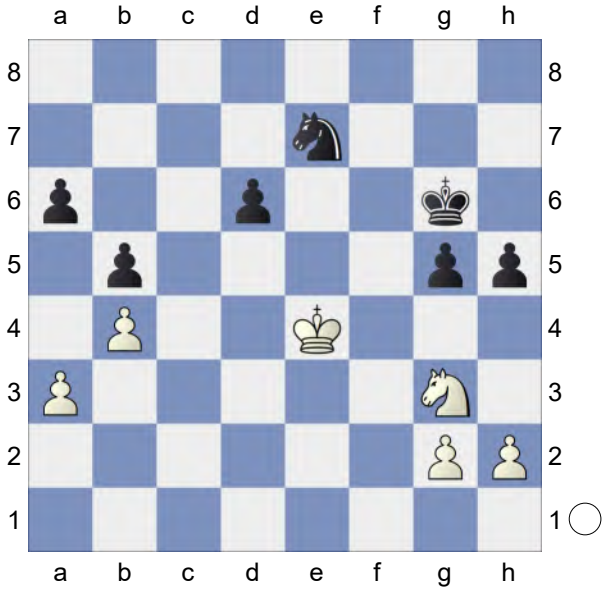


Ne7! 32.Nf4+ Kf6 33.a3 g5 34.Nh5+ Kg6 -0.51/23
[34...Ke6∓ -1.39/24 35.Ng7+ Kd7]
35.Ng3 -1.66/25 Prevents Nf5
[35.g4∓ -0.51/23]
35...h5-+



36.h3? -3.09/20
[36.Nh1∓ -0.88/20 might work better.]
36...h4 37.Ne2 Kf6 38.Nd4? -4.75/25
[38.g4 -2.65/21]
38...d5+ 39.Kf3 Ng6 40.Nb3 Ne5+
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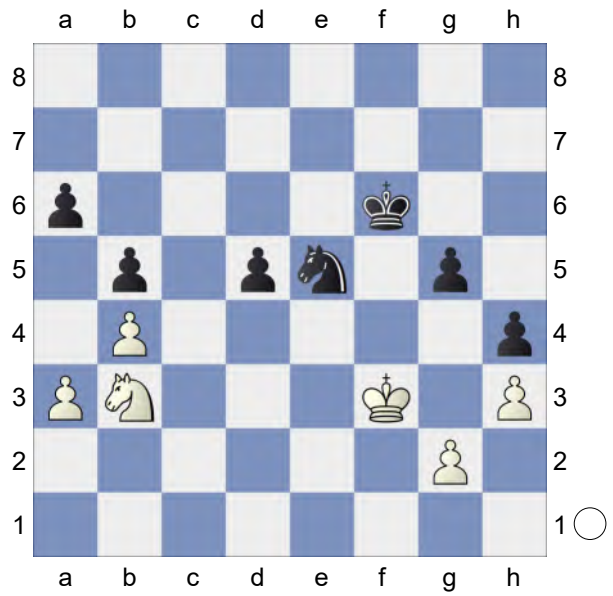
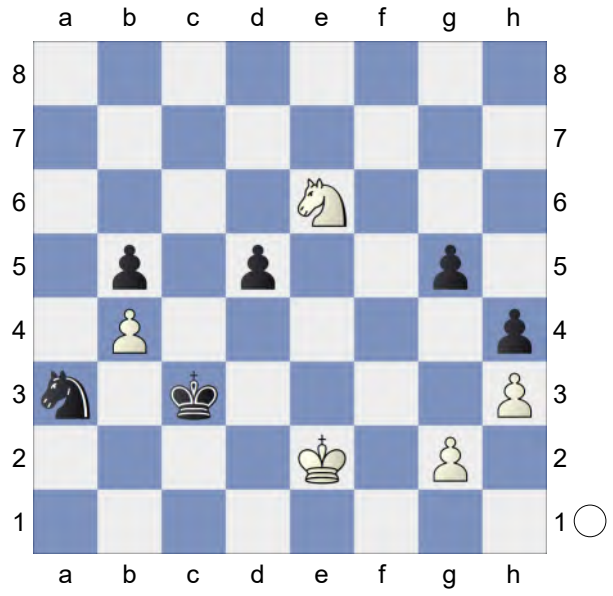
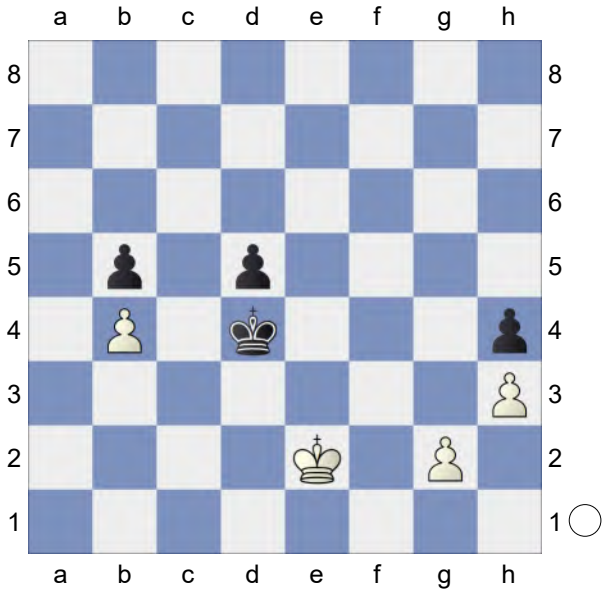


41.Ke2 -5.24/26
[⌓41.Kf2 -3.70/23 Nc4 42.Nc5]
41...Nc4 42.Nc5 Nxa3 43.Nxa6 Ke5 44.Nc5? -7.14/23
[44.Kd3 -2.46/20]
44...Kd4 Black is clearly winning.
45.Ne6+ Kc3



46.Nxg5 Nc2
[Less strong is 46...Kxb4 47.Kd3∓]
47.Nf3 Nd4+
[Not 47...Kxb4 48.Kd3 Kb3 49.Nxh4±]
48.Nxd4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
48...Kxd4



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52 **C82**
□ **Khripachenko,Alexander** **2407**
■ **Sahakyan,Aleks** **2328**
World Youth Open U18 2024 (9.7)
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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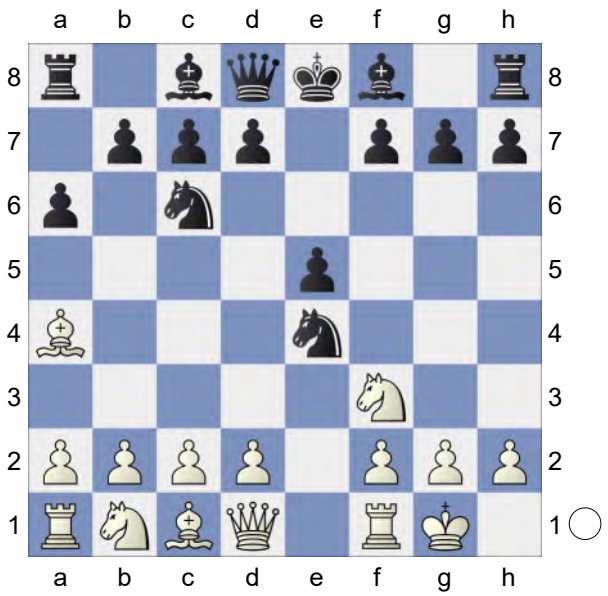

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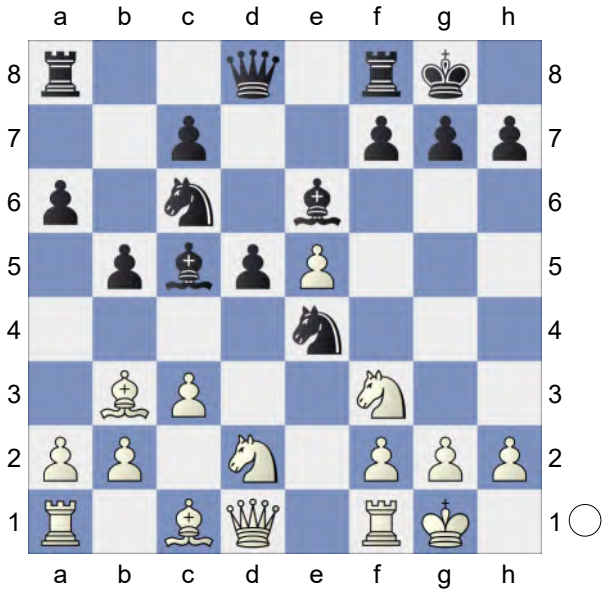

11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

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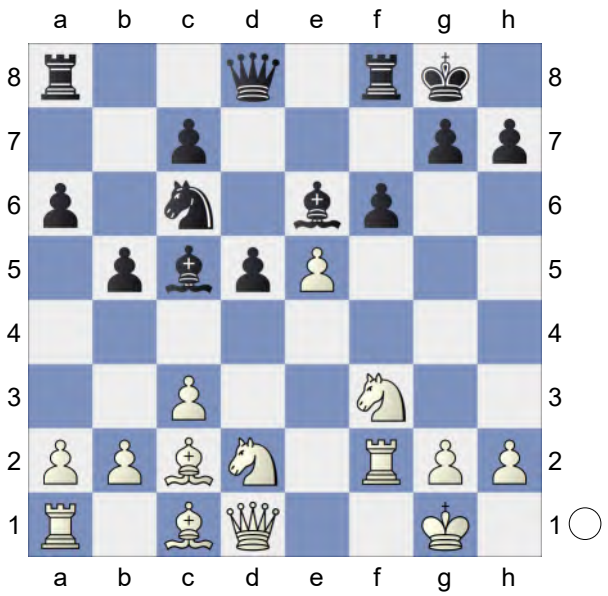
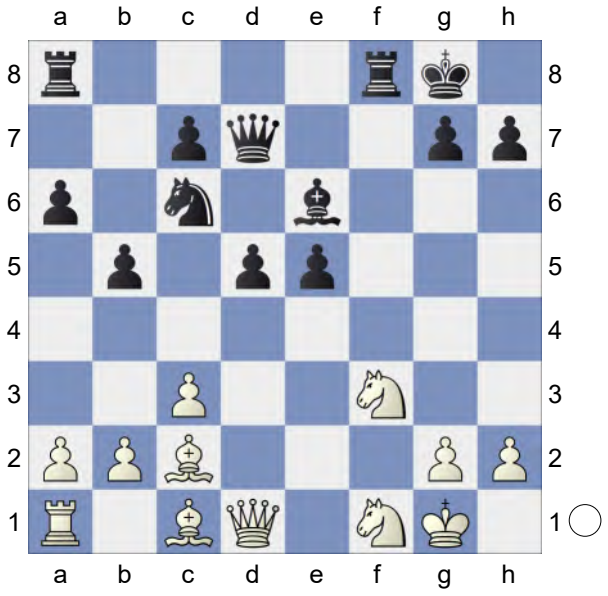
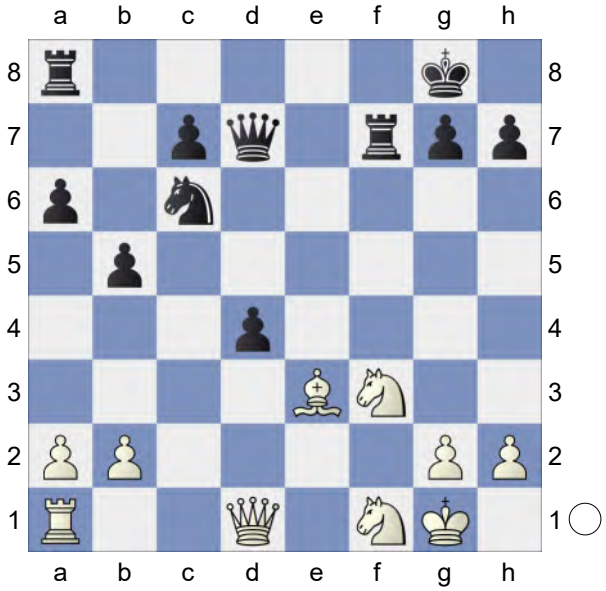


13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 Bxh7+! would now be deadly. White is slightly better. **15...Qd7**

[15...Bg4 16.Ne3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ne7 18.Qd3 g6 19.Ng4 Nf5 20.Nxe5 Qd6 21.f4 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 d4 23.Bb3+ Kg7 24.cxd4 Qxd4 25.Bd2 Qxd3 26.Nxd3 Rfd8 27.Bc3+ Nd4 28.Re1 Kf6 29.Re4 Kf5 30.Rxd4 ½-½ (88) Winkler,T (2670)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2552) 8th ch-Euro Dresden GER 2007 (4.1)]

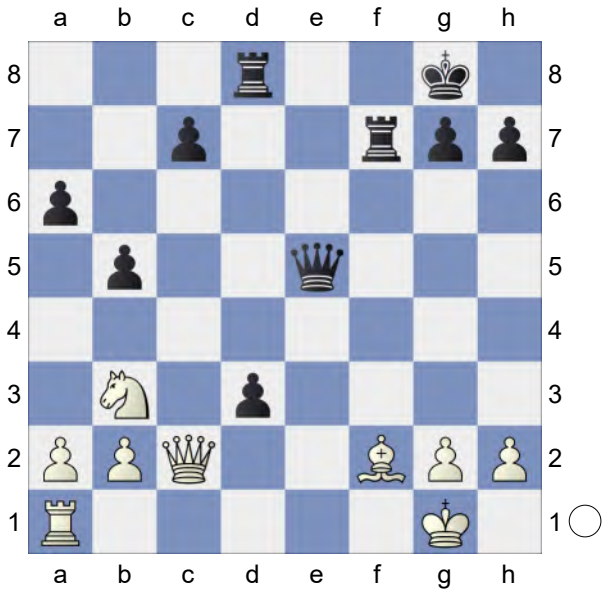


16.Ng5 Bf5 17.Bxf5N
[17.a4 Rad8 18.Ng3 e4 19.Nxf5 Qxf5 20.Qe2 Ne5 21.Be3 Nc4 22.Bb3 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Kh8 24.Nh3 Rd6 25.Qe2 Rdf6 26.axb5 axb5 27.Rd1 c6 28.Kh1 h6 29.Qe3 Qg4 30.Re1 Rf1+ 31.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 0-1 (50) Harshad,S (2202)-Sattarov,B (2389) Benidorm op-A 2022 (4) 32.Ng1 Qf4 33.Qxf4 Rxf4 34.Bd1 Rf1 35.Bg4 Rb1 36.h3 Rxb2 37.Ne2 g5 38.Kg1 b4 39.cxb4 Rxb4 40.Kf2 Kg7 41.Bd7 Rc4 42.Ke3 Kf6 43.Nd4 Rc3+ 44.Ke2 c5 45.Nf5 Rc2+ 46.Ke1 Ke5 0-1 (50) Hlavacek, J (2202)-Skrobar,D (2389) 13/218 Vrnjacka Banja 1972 (4)]
17...Rxf5 18.Nf3 -0.36/20
[18.a4= 0.19/19]
18...Rf7∓ 19.Be3 d4 20.cxd4 exd4

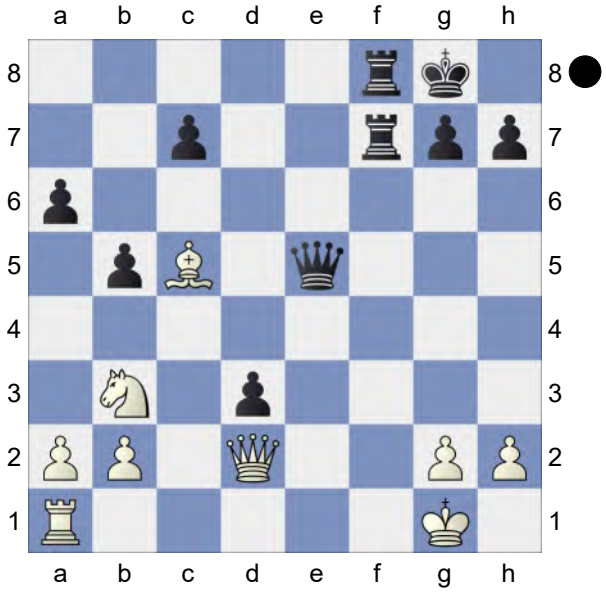


21.Bf2
[21.Bxd4? Rd8 *(21...Rxf3 22.Qxf3 Qxd4+ 23.Kh1∓)* 22.Ng5 Qxd4+-+]
21...Rd8 22.N1d2 Qd5 23.Nb3 -0.93/19
[23.Rc1= -0.28/20]
23...Ne5 -0.34/19
[23...d3∓ -0.93/19]

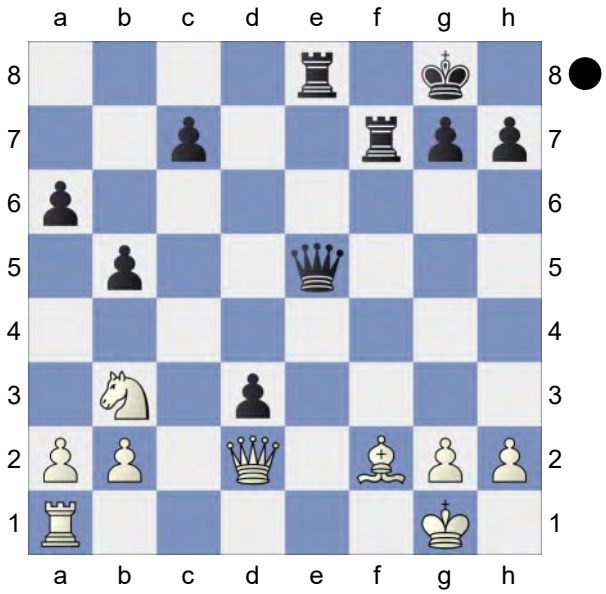
24.Nxe5 Qxe5 25.Qc2 -1.33/19
[25.Nxd4 Rxf2 26.Kxf2 Rxd4 *(26...Qxd4+ 27.Qxd4 Rxd4 28.Ke3∓)* 27.Qb3+ Kh8∓]
[25.Bxd4 Qe4 26.Qd2 *(26.Rc1 c5-+)* 26...Rfd7=]
[25.Qe1!∓ -0.34/20 Qxe1+ 26.Bxe1]
25...d3∓



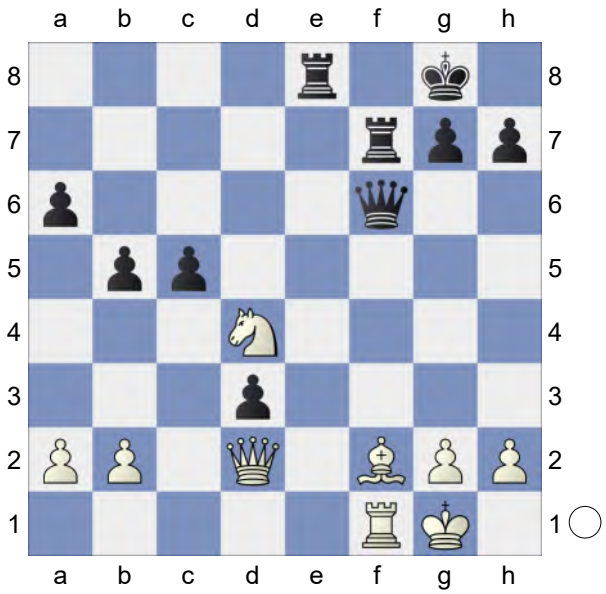
26.Qd2 Rdf8 Black is much more active. **27.Bc5**



Re8 The board is on fire. White does not recover from this. **28.Bf2** -2.48/19
[28.h3∓ -1.12/16]

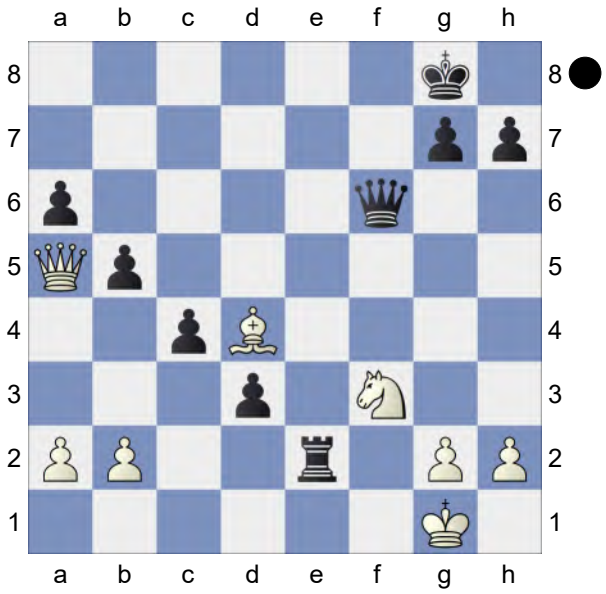


28...Qf5!→ Black attacks with force.
29.Nd4 Against Re2 **29...Qf6 30.Rf1 c5**



31.Nf3 c4 ...Re2 is the strong threat.
32.Re1 Rxe1+ 33.Qxe1? -3.62/19
[33.Bxe1 -1.84/19 Qb6+ 34.Bf2]
33...Re7
[Weaker is 33...Qxb2 34.Ng5 Qxf2+ *(34...Rxf2 35.Qe6+)* 35.Qxf2 Rxf2 36.Kxf2=]
34.Qa5 Re2
[Not 34...Qxb2 35.Qd8+ Kf7 36.Ng5+ Kg6 37.Qxe7±]

35.Bd4? -6.91/21
[35.Kf1 -3.78/19 Qd6 *(35...Qxb2 36.Qd8+ Kf7 37.Qc7+ Kg8 38.Qc8+ Kf7 39.Qd7+ Kg8 40.Qc8+ Kf7 41.Qc7+ Kg6 42.Qg3+ Kf7 43.Qc7+=; 35...Rxb2? 36.Bd4-+)* 36.Bg3]



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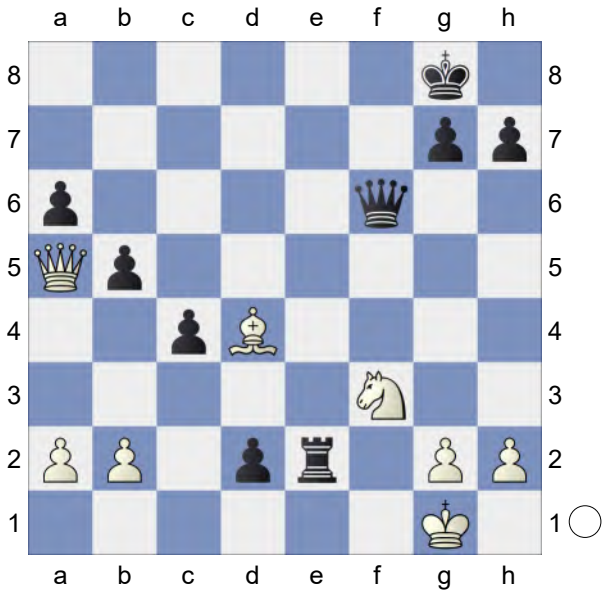
35...d2!



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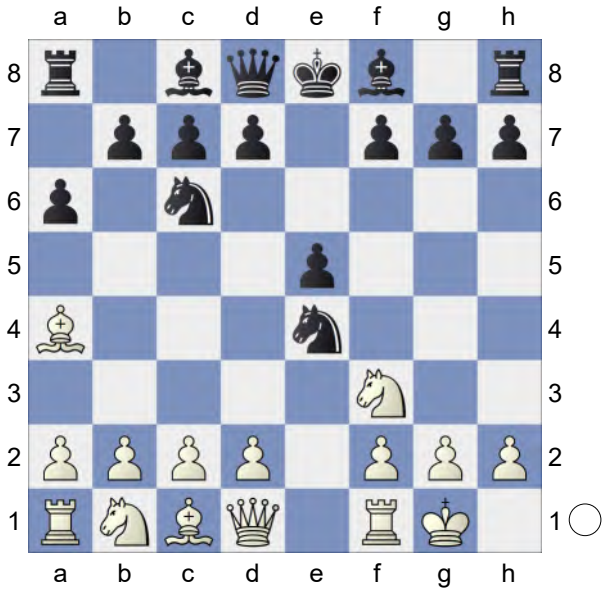
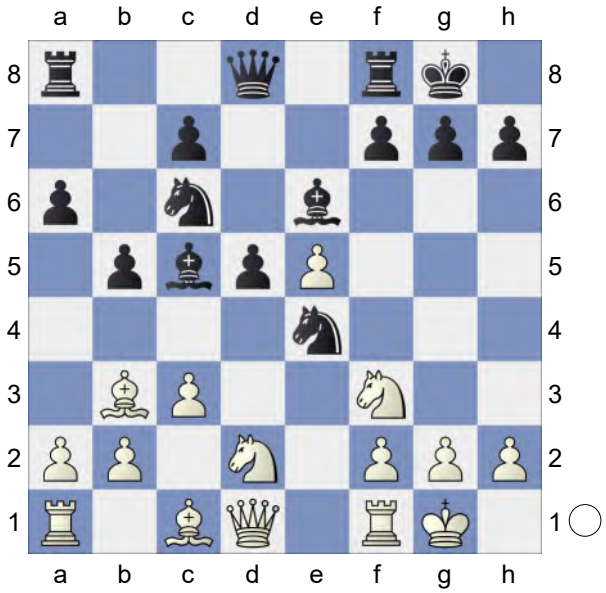
53 **C82**
□ **Grinkevicius,Alvydas** **2389**
■ **Tombette,Philippe** **2435**
corr MT-Muzas (LTU) 07.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

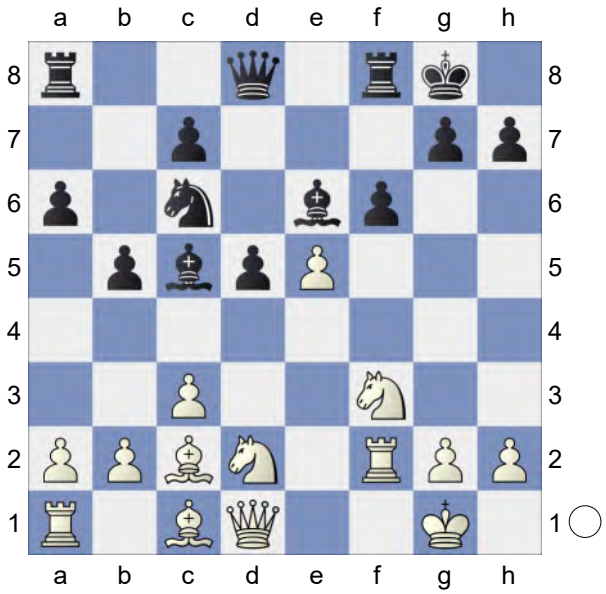
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



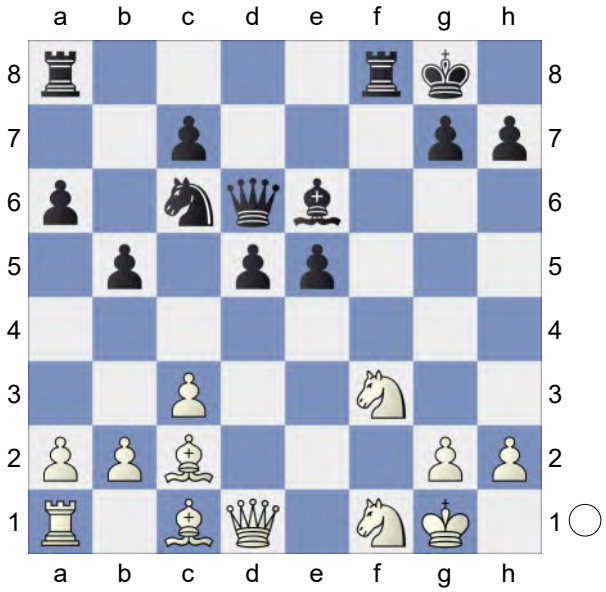
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

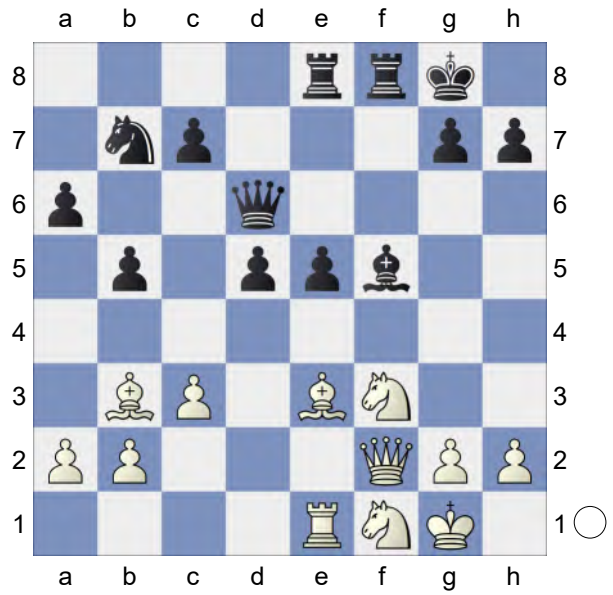


13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Qd6**

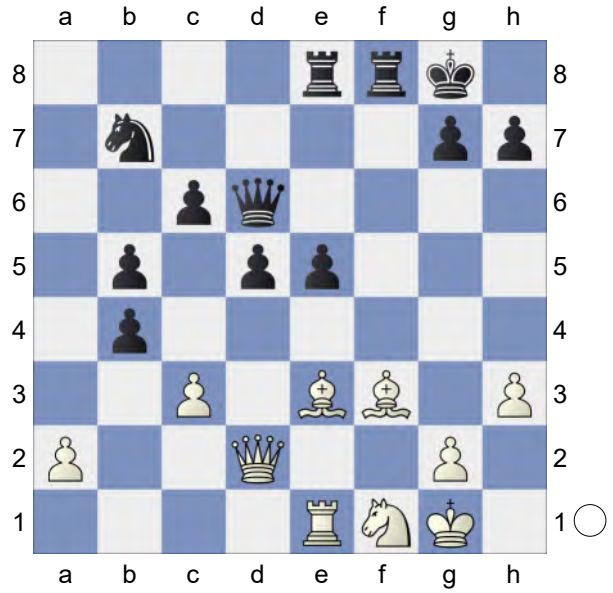


16.Be3 White has compensation.
[16.Bg5 e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.Ne3]
16...Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5! 18.Bb3 Na5! 19.Qf2 Nb7 Wards off Bc5 **20.Re1 Rde8**
[20...Kh8 21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 Be4 23.N1d2 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 e4 25.Qxd6 Nxd6 26.Nd4 Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4 28.b4 cxb3 29.axb3 a5 30.Nc6 Ra8 31.Ra1 a4 32.Rxa4 e3 33.Bxe3

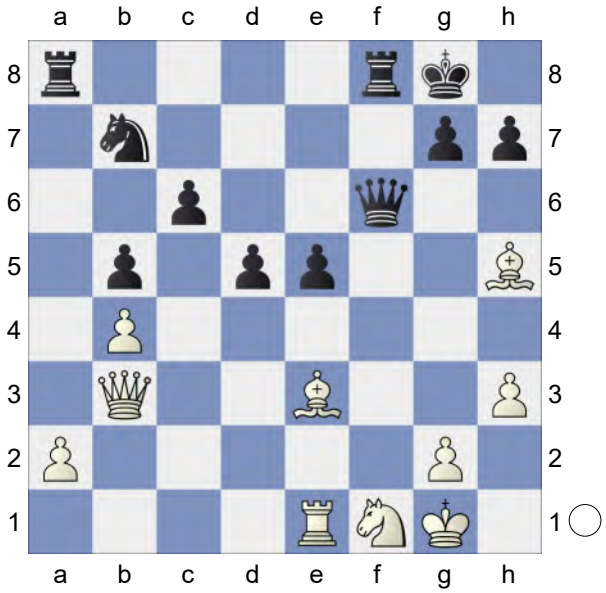
Rae8 34.Rf4 Rxf4 35.Bxf4 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2859)-So,W (2760) Meltwater Tour Final rapid 2022 (1.3)]



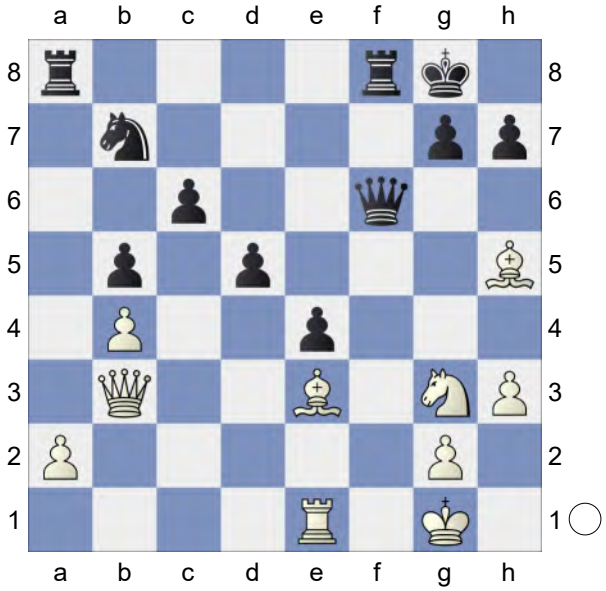
21.Qd2
[21.Qg3 a5 22.a4 Bd3 23.axb5 Bxb5 24.Rd1]
21...c6 22.Bd1N 0.27/22
[22.Ng3± 0.67/20 Bg4 23.Bd1 10. Ruy Lopez Open-Open 6...b5,9]
22...a5= 23.b4 Bg4 24.h3 Bxf3 25.Bxf3 axb4



26.cxb4 Qg6 27.Qd1 Ra8 28.Bh5 Qd6 0.37/19
[28...Qf6= -0.08/20]
29.Qb3!± Qf6



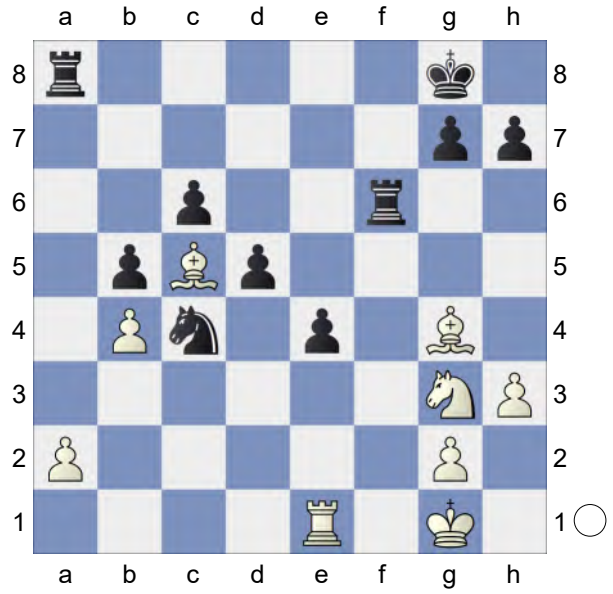
30.Ng3 e4



31.Bg4
[31.Nxe4? Qh4 32.Qc3 Ra3-+ *(32...Qxe4? 33.Bh6+-; 32...Qxh5? 33.Qxc6 dxe4 34.Qxb7-+; 32...dxe4? 33.Bd1-+)*]
31...Nd6 32.Nh5 The board is on fire.
32...Qe5 Hoping for ...g6. **33.Bc5 Nc4 34.Qg3 Qxg3**

[34...Rfe8 with more complications. 35.Qf4 Rxa2 36.Rf1 Qxf4 37.Nxf4 Nd2]

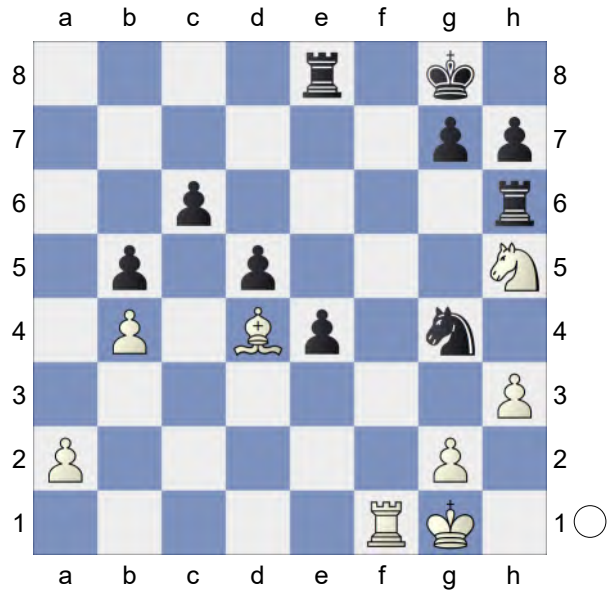
35.Nxg3 Rf6



Against Be6+ **36.Nh5 Rg6 37.Rf1 Ne5! 38.Bf5** This pair of bishops is nice. **38...Rh6 39.Bd4 Re8!**

[39...Rxa2? 40.Bxe5 *(40.Nxg7 Kxg7 41.Bxe5+ Kg8+-)* 40...e3 41.Nf4+- *(41.Bxg7 Rxh5 42.Bd4 Rxf5+-; 41.Nxg7 e2+-)*]

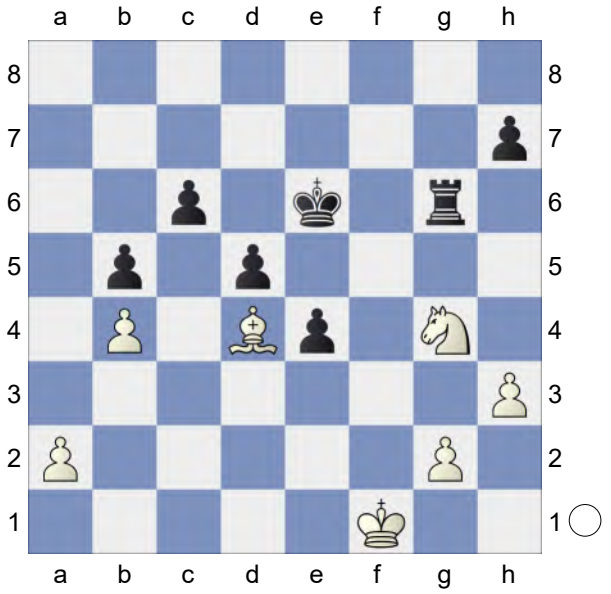
40.Bg4 Nxg4



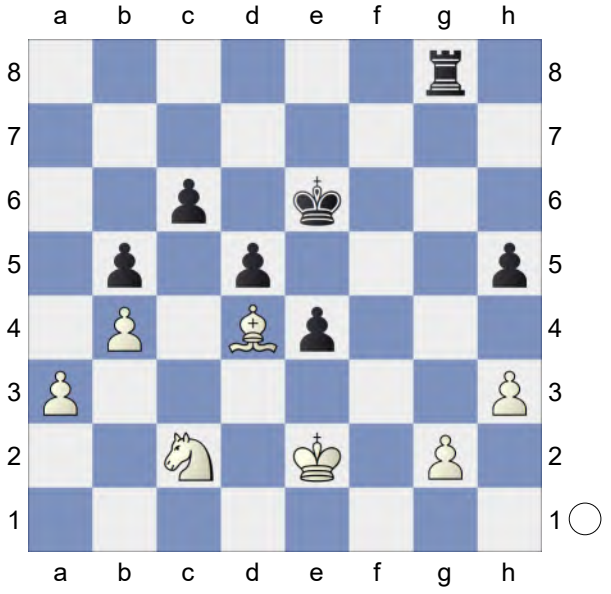
41.Nxg7

[41.hxg4 Rg6 42.Rf4 Rf8]

41...Ne3! 42.Nxe8 Nxf1 43.Kxf1 Rg6! Wards off Ng7 **44.Nf6+ Kf7! 45.Ng4 Ke6**



46.Ne3 h5 47.Kf2 Threatening g4. **47...Rg8 48.Nc2 Ra8 49.a3 Rf8+ 50.Ke2 Rg8**



51.Kf1 h4 52.Bc5 Ke5 53.Kf2 Rg6 54.Bd4+ Kf4 0.61/25

[54...Ke6= 0.07/25]

55.Be3+ Ke5!

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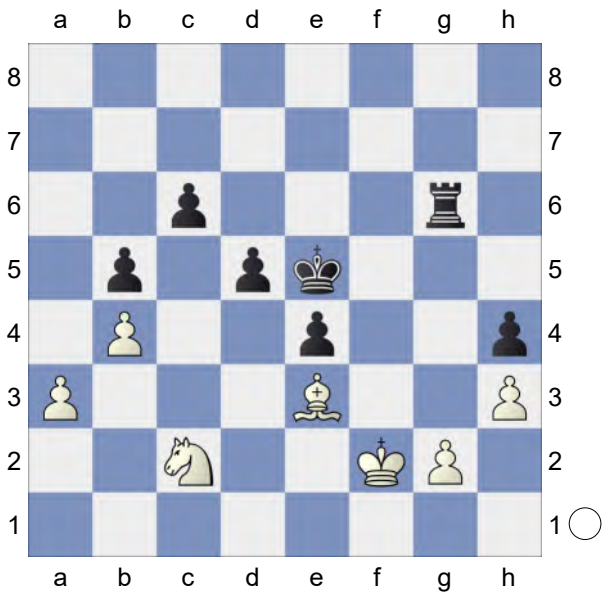

56.Nd4 Rf6+ 57.Kg1 and g4 should not be overlooked **57...Kd6! 58.Ne2** 0.15/26 White is more active.

[58.Bg5 Rf8 59.Bxh4 Ra8 60.Bg3+ Kd7±]

[58.Bf2± 0.63/25 should be considered. Rf7 59.Bxh4]

58...Rg6 59.Bc5+ Ke5

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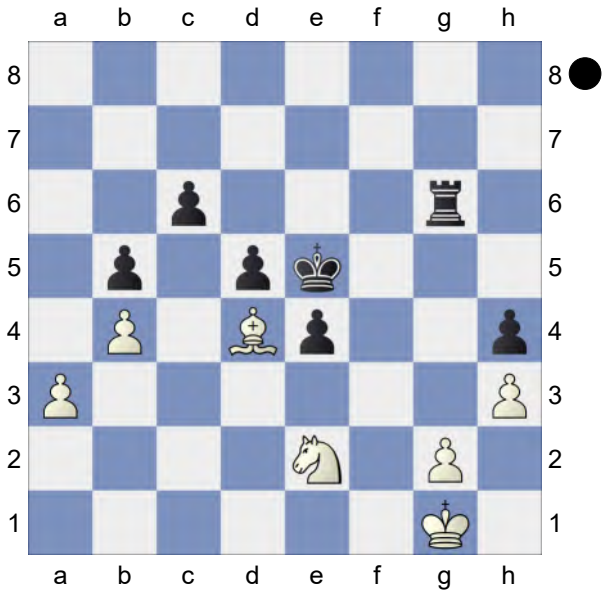
60.Bd4+



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54 **C82**

□ **Grieve,Harry** **2459**

■ **Dong Bao Nghia** **2327**

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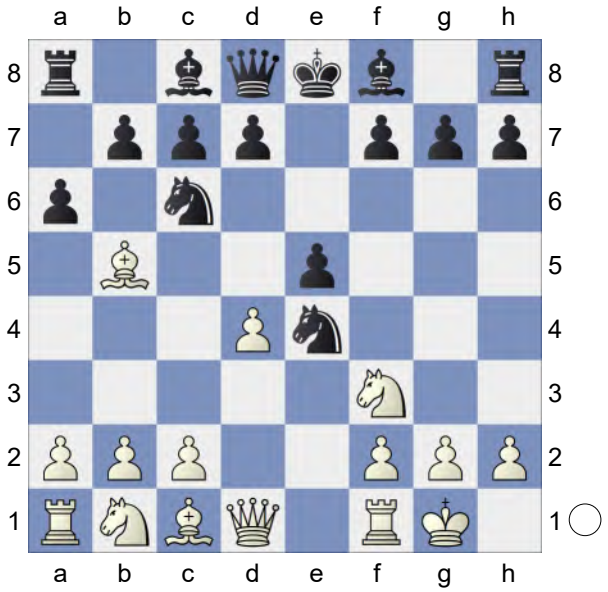
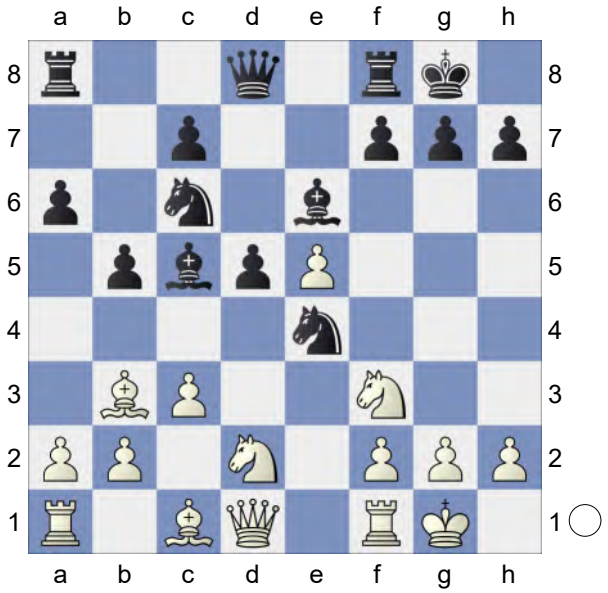
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

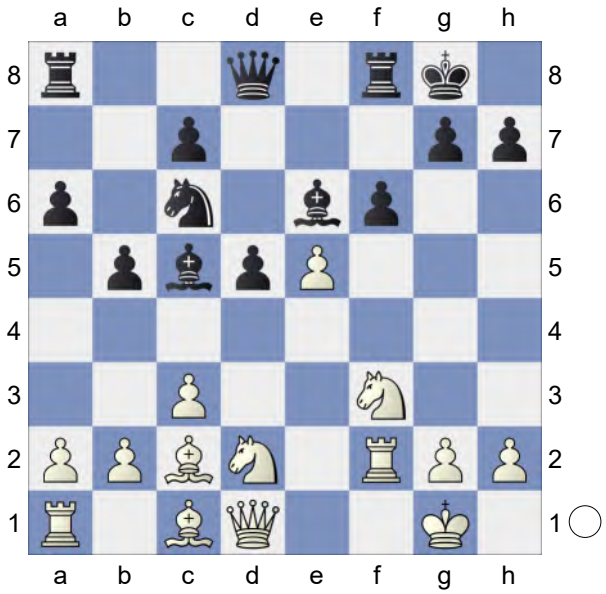
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 a6



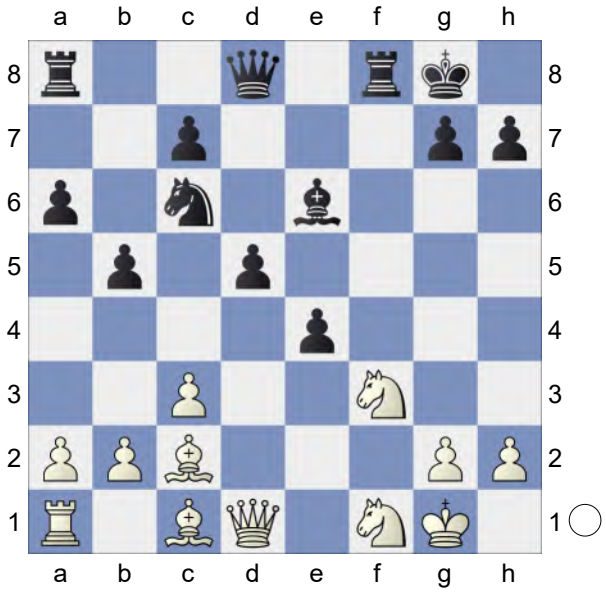
6.Ba4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



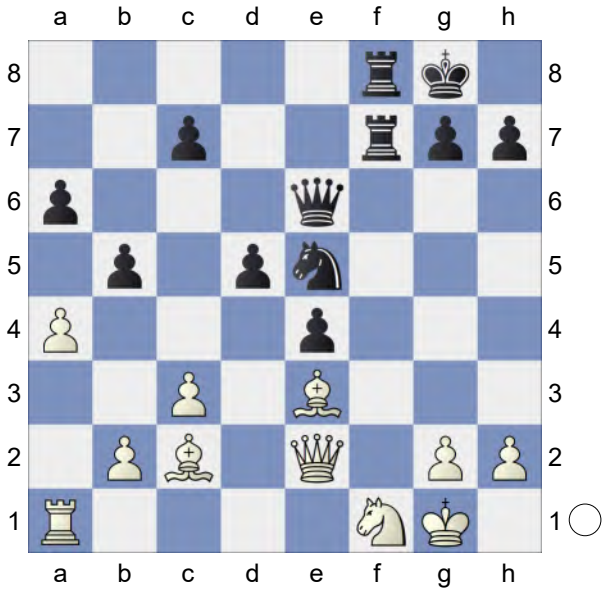
11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6



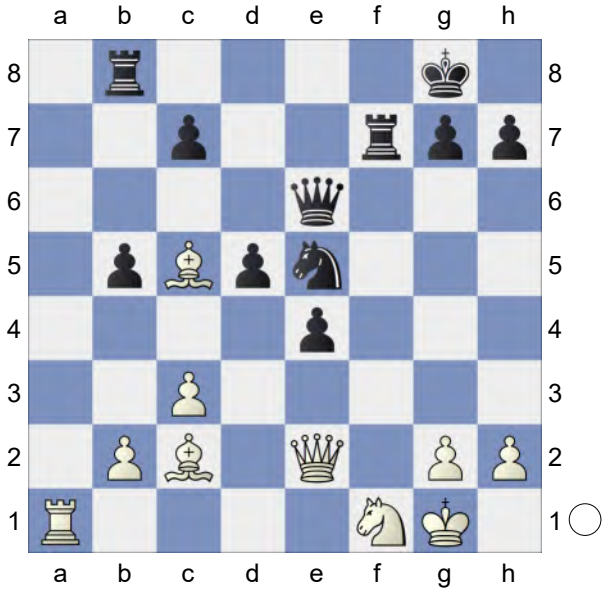
13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...e4**



16.Nd4 Qf6 17.Be3 Wards off Qf2+
[17.Nxc6? Qf2+ 18.Kh1 Qxf1+ 19.Qxf1 Rxf1#]
17...Ne5 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Qe2N 0.19/18
[19.Bd4± 0.72/20]
[19.Nd2 Rae8 20.b4 Nf3+ 21.Kh1 Qg4 22.Nf1 Rf5 23.Ng3 Qxg3 24.gxf3 Qxf3+ 25.Qxf3 Rxf3 26.Re1 h5 27.Bd1 Rf5 28.Be2 Re6 29.Rg1 Kf7 30.Rg3 Re8 31.Bd4 g6 32.Rg1 c6 33.a4 Re6 ½-½ (35) Ionescu Vornicu,A-Dilworth,V EU-chT2 corr7887 1978 34.a5 e3 35.Re1 Kg8 ½-½ Johansen,A-Sevecek,J Slovensko 61/(647) 1994]
19...Rf7 0.69/21
[19...Qg6= 0.19/18]
20.a4± White has compensation.
20...Raf8



21.axb5 axb5 22.Bc5 Rb8



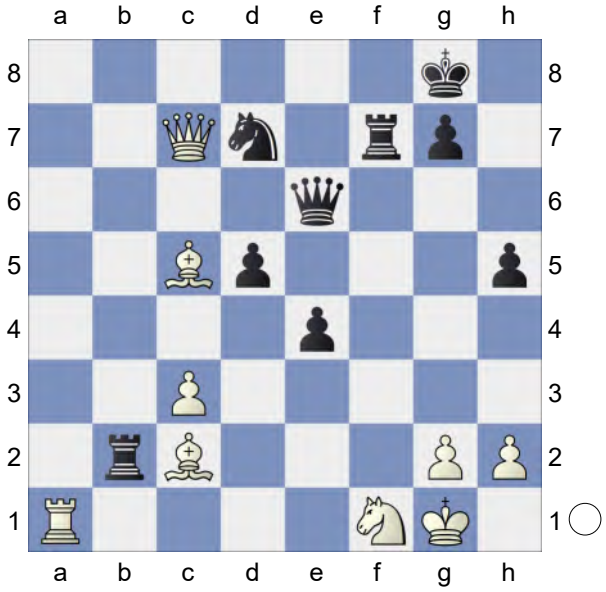
23.Qxb5 0.23/19 **Nd7=**
[23...Nf3+? 24.gxf3 Rff8

(24...Qg6+? 25.Ng3+-) 25.Qa6 Qxa6 26.Rxa6+-]

24.Qa5 h5? 2.20/18

[24...Rxb2= 0.22/19 and Black stays safe. 25.Ne3 Nxc5 26.Qxc5 h6]

25.Qxc7+- Rxb2



26.Ne3 Really sharp! **26...Kh7** 2.80/19

[26...Nxc5± 1.47/17 27.Qxc5 Rf8]

27.Bd4 Active counter play! **27...Nf6**

28.Qg3 Ng4 29.Rc1 Qh6 30.h3

[30.Nxg4? Qxc1+]

30...Nf2 3.17/21

[30...Nxe3 2.25/21 was necessary. 31.Bxe3 Qe6]

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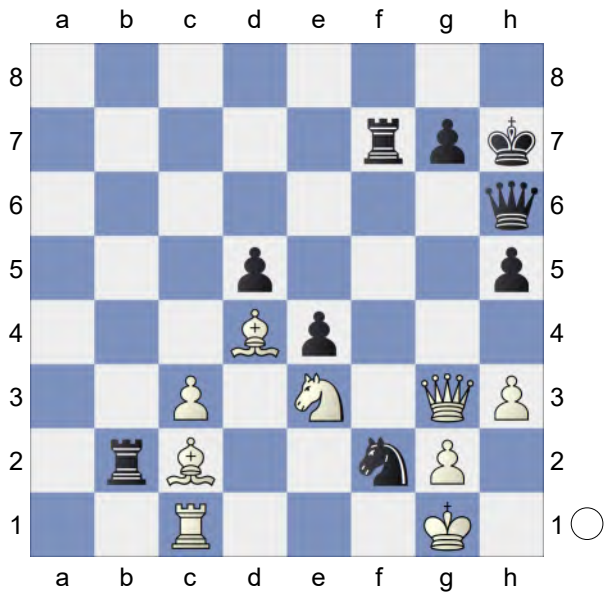

31.Rf1 h4 32.Qxf2 0.43/18

[32.Qe5 Rxc2 33.Nxc2 Nd3 *(33...Nxh3+ 34.Kh2=)* 34.Rxf7 *(34.Qxd5 Rxf1+* Remove Defender *35.Kxf1 Qc1+ 36.Ke2 Nf4+ 37.Kf2 Qxc2+ 38.Kf1 Qe2+ 39.Kg1 Qxg2#)* 34...Nxe5 35.Bxe5 Qc1+ 36.Kh2 Qxc2 37.Rxg7+ Kh6∓]

[32.Qh2!+- 2.68/24]

32...Rxf2± 33.Rxf2 Kg8 34.Rf1

[34.Nxd5? is the wrong capture. Qc1+ 35.Kh2 Rxc2-+]

[34.Rf5 Rxc2 35.Nxc2 Qc1+ 36.Kh2 Qxc2 37.Rxd5 Qd2=]

34...Qg5 1.39/21

[34...Qa6± 0.37/19]

35.c4 0.24/25

[35.Rf5!± 1.39/21 Qg3 36.Nxd5 *(36.Rxd5 Qe1+ 37.Kh2 Qg3+ 38.Kh1 Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Qg3+ 40.Kg1 Qe1+ 41.Kh2=)* 36...Qe1+ *(36...Rxc2 37.Ne7+ Kh8 38.Rh5#)* 37.Rf1]

35...dxc4

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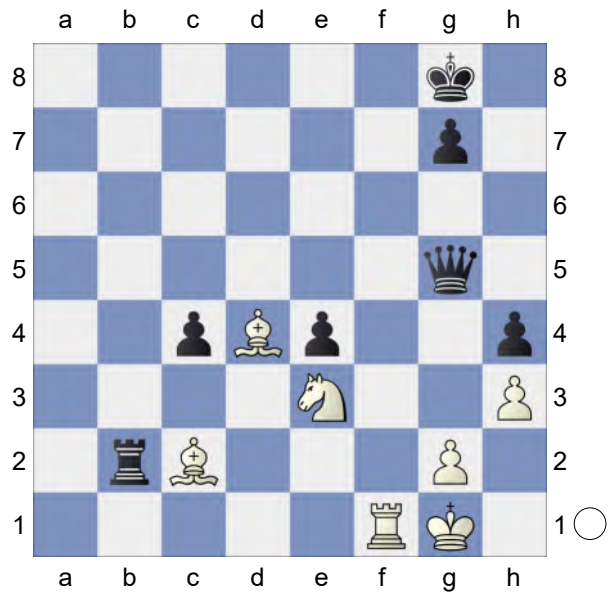
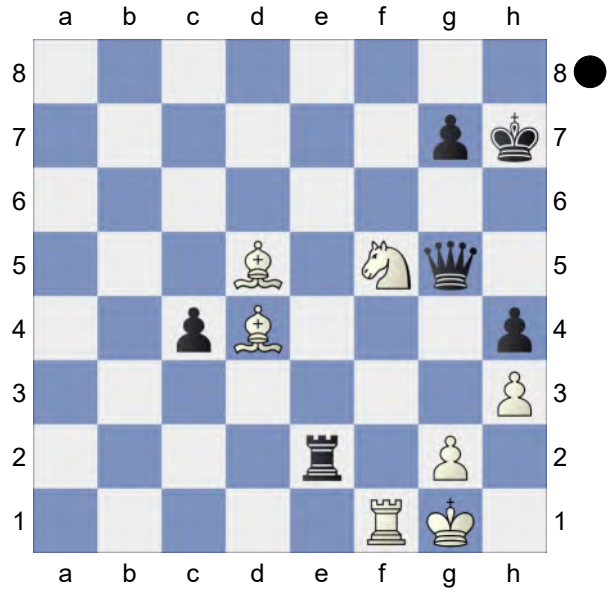


36.Bxe4! Black must now prevent Rf5!.
36...Re2 37.Bd5+ Kh7 38.Be4+!
A strong pair of Bishops. **38...Kg8**
39.Bd5+ 0.00/27
[39.Rf3!± 0.48/26]
39...Kh7= 40.Nf5 -3.46/22
[40.Bxc4= 0.00/27 Rxe3 41.Bxe3 Qxe3+ 42.Kh1]



40...Qd2!-+

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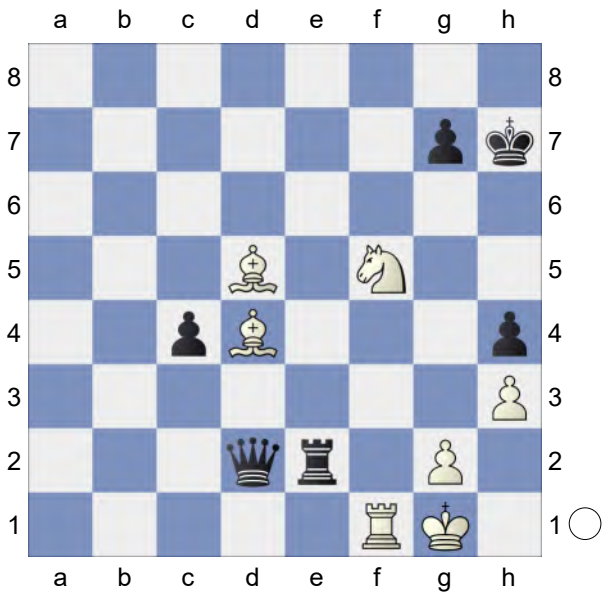
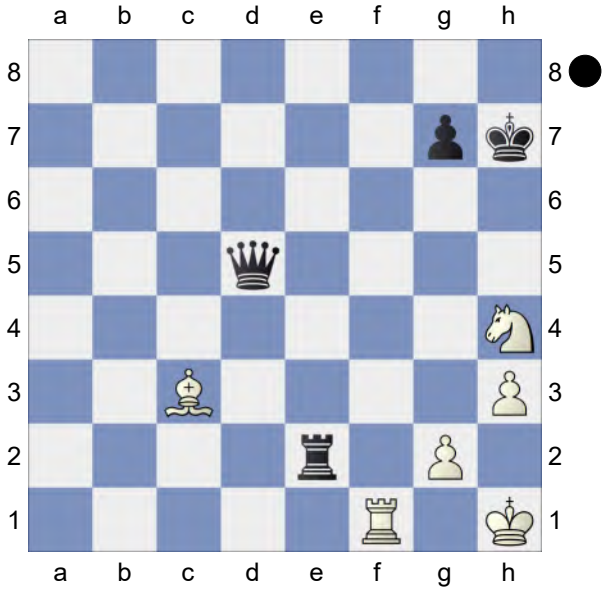
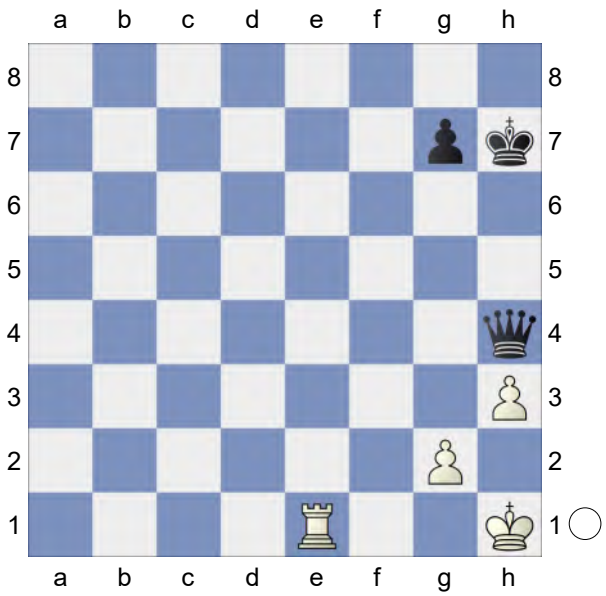


41.Kh1
[Much worse is 41.Bf3 Re1 42.Bxg7 Rxf1+ 43.Kxf1 Qd3+ 44.Kf2 Qxf5-+]
41...c3 Hoping for ...c2. **42.Bxc3 Qxd5**
43.Nxh4

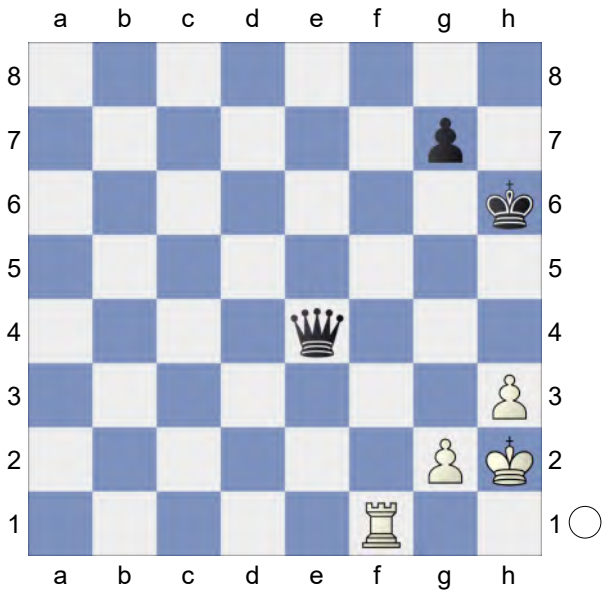


Qc4? -0.41/16
[43...Re3!-+ -3.52/24 44.Rf3 Qd1+ 45.Kh2 Qd6+ 46.Kh1 Qd1+]
44.Be1∓ Rxe1 Remove Defender
45.Rxe1 The position is equal.
45...Qxh4

(Diagram)



Endgame KQ-KR **46.Rf1 Kg6 47.Kh2 Kg5 48.Rf3 Kh5 49.Rf5+ Kh6 50.Rf1 Qe4**



51.Rf3 Kh5 52.Kg1 Kh4 53.Kh2 Qe5+ 54.Kg1 Qe1+ 55.Kh2 g5

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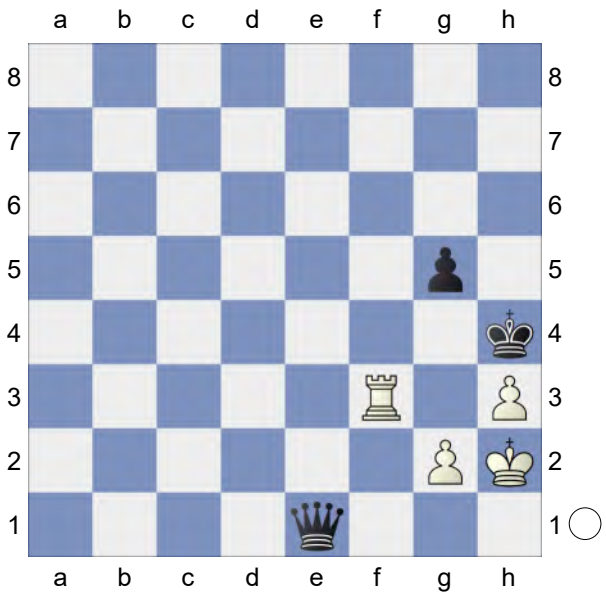
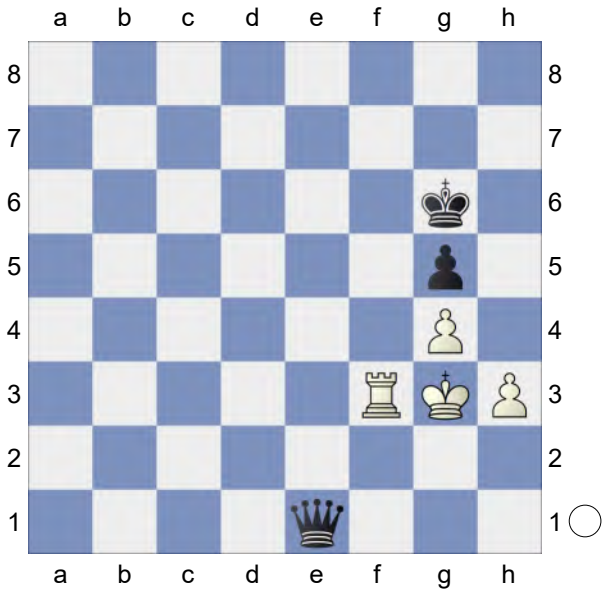


56.Rd3 Kh5 57.Rf3 Kg6 58.g4 Qe5+ 59.Kg2 Qe4 60.Kg3 Quite a comeback for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.37

60...Qe1+



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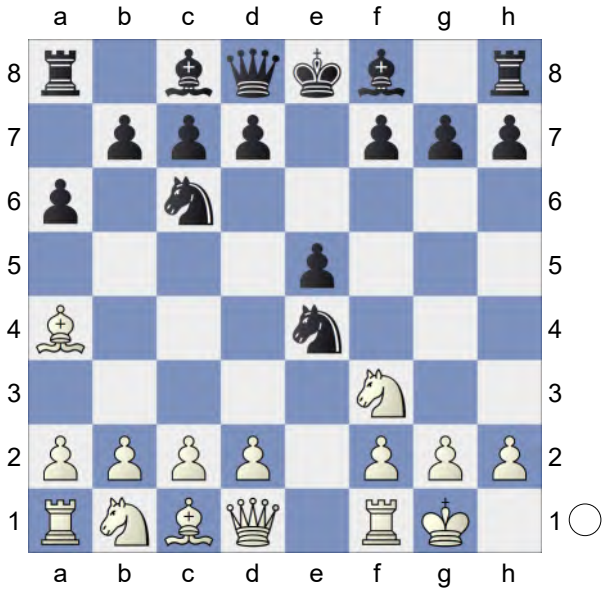
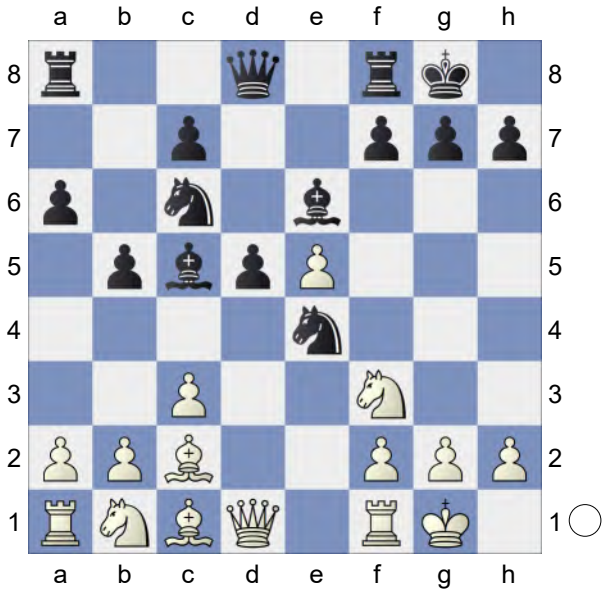
55 **C82**
□ **Sherwood,Russell** **2392**
■ **Destruels Moreno,Vicente** **2433**
corr CL/2021/B3 01.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

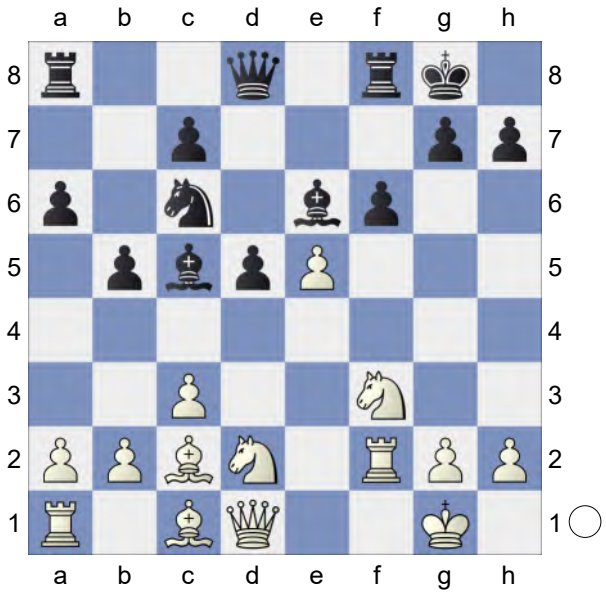
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



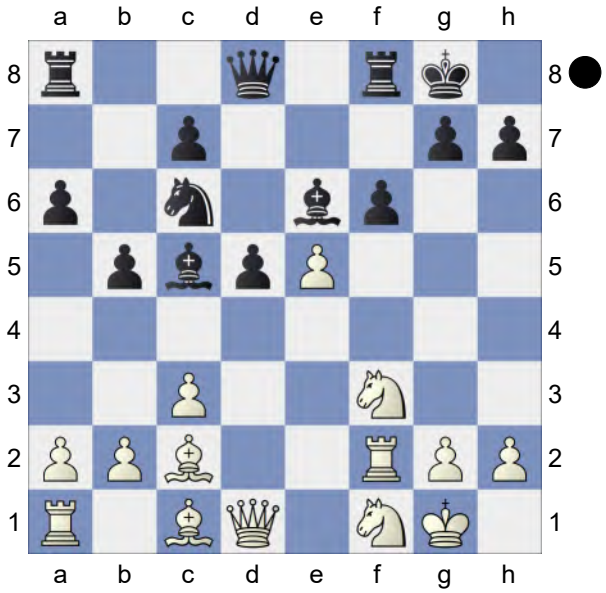
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Bc2 0-0



11.Nbd2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

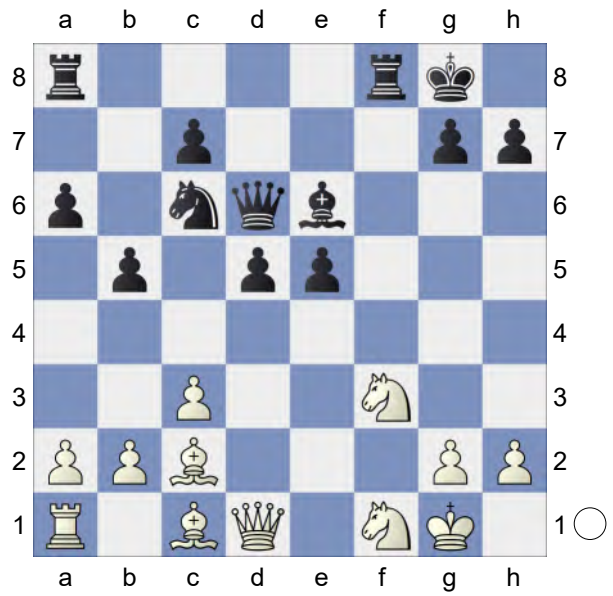


13.Nf1!

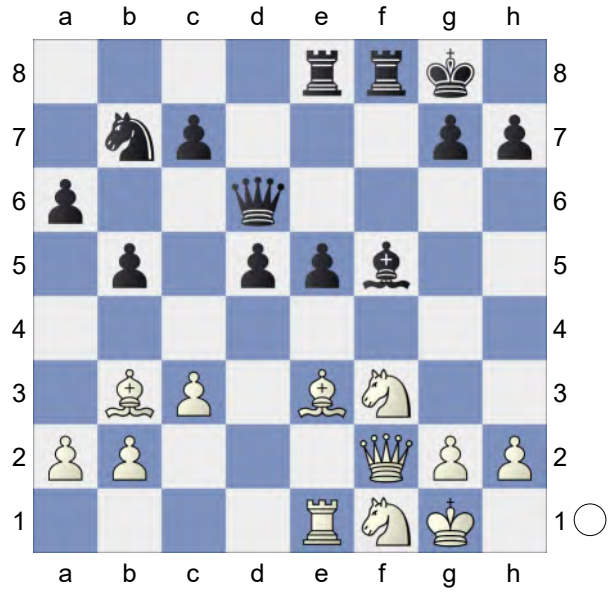


Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 And now ...e4 would win. and ...e4 should not be overlooked **15.Kg1** White is slightly better. **15...Qd6**

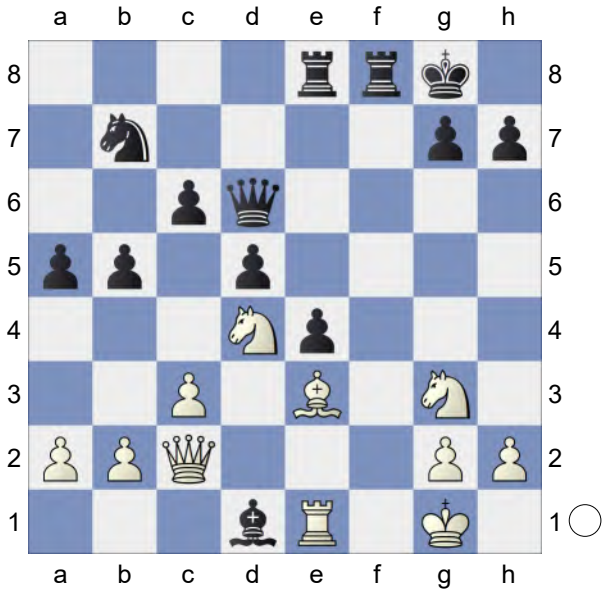
(Diagram)



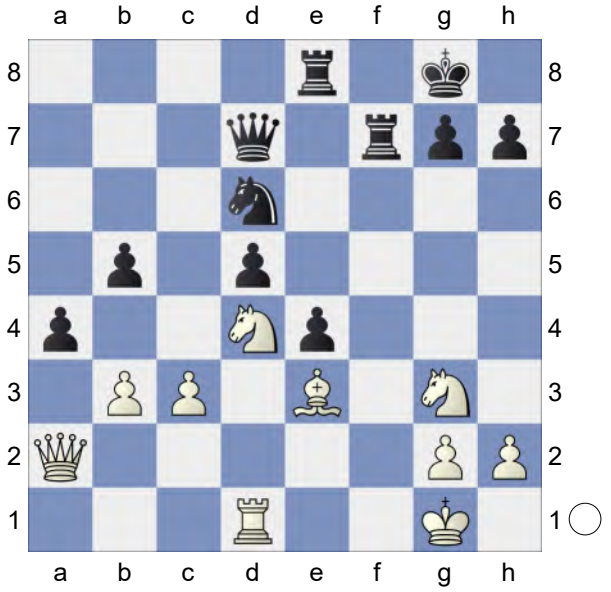
16.Be3 White has compensation.
16...Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5! 18.Bb3 A strong pair of Bishops. **18...Na5! 19.Qf2**
[19.Qg3 is interesting. Rde8 *(19...Bd3 20.N1d2 Nc4 21.Bxc4 bxc4 22.b4)* 20.N1d2 Bd3 21.Re1]
19...Nb7 Dodges Bc5 Inhibits Bc5.
20.Re1 Rde8



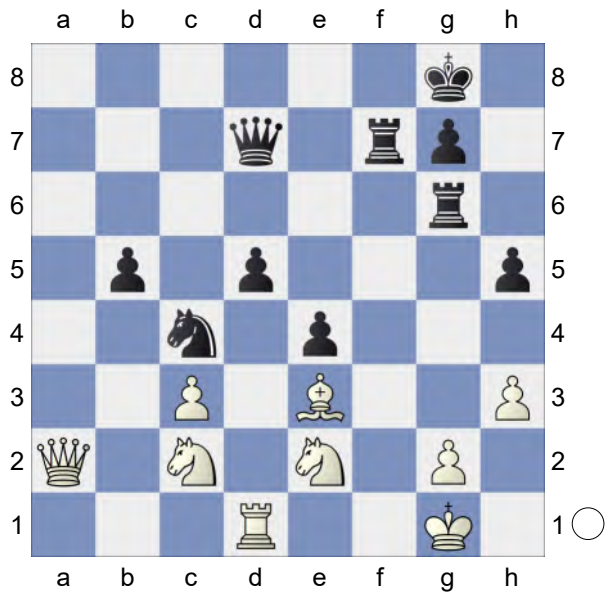
21.Qd2 c6 22.Ng3 Bg4 23.Bd1
[23.Ng5 is more complex. Na5 24.Qd3 Qh6 25.Nh3]
23...a5N 24.Qc2 Ng5 would now be deadly. Ng5 is the strong threat. **24...e4 25.Nd4 Bxd1**



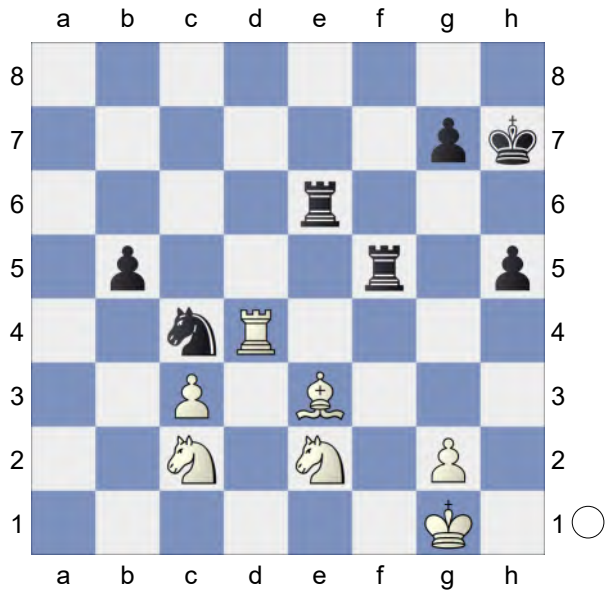
26.Rxd1 Qd7 27.a4 Nd6 28.axb5 cxb5 29.b3 a4 The position is equal.
30.Qa2 Rf7



31.Nc2 bxa4 is in the air **31...h5 32.h3 Re6! 33.Ne2**
[33.Rxd5!? Rg6□ 34.Nxe4 *(34.Nxh5? loses. Qxh3 35.Rd2 Qxh5-+)* 34...Qxh3 35.Rg5= *(35.Nxd6? Rxg2#)*]
33...axb3 Remove Defender **34.Qxb3 Nc4 35.Qa2 Rg6**



36.Qa8+ Kh7 37.Qxd5 Qxh3 38.Qxe4
[38.Qxf7? Qxg2#]
38...Qe6⇄ Black puts up resistance
39.Rd4 Rf5 40.Qxe6 Rxe6



41.Rxc4 bxc4 42.Ned4! Rxe3 43.Nxe3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
43...Rf8

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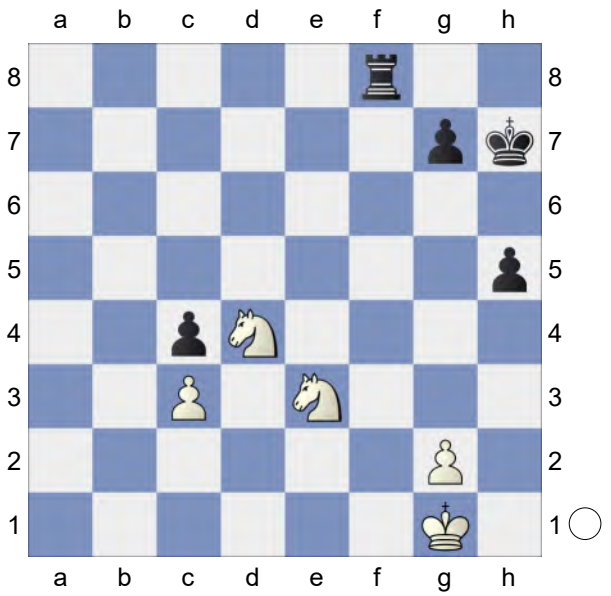

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56 **C82**
□ **Sneddon,Iain** **2367**
■ **Krzyzanowski,Antoni** **2362**
EU/C2023/sf 16 20.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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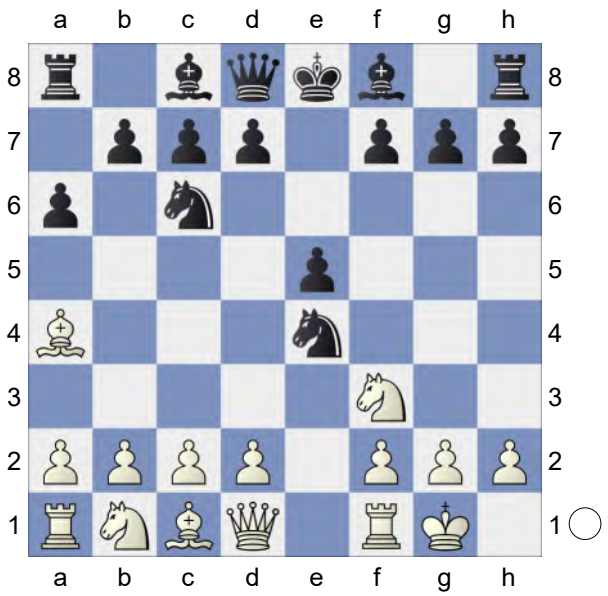
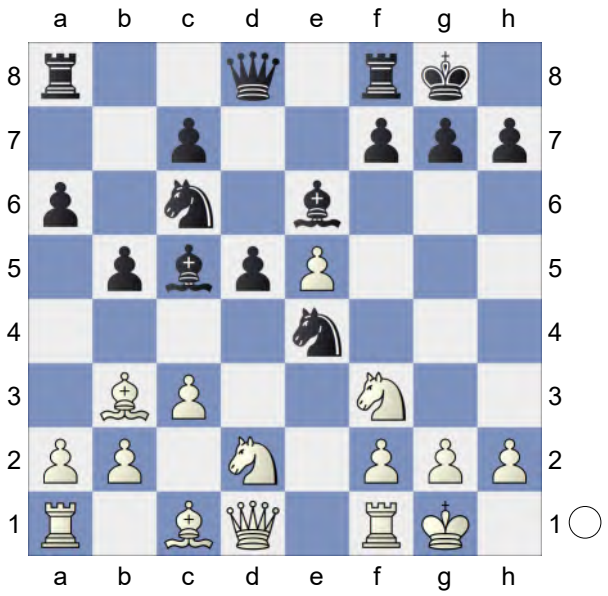


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

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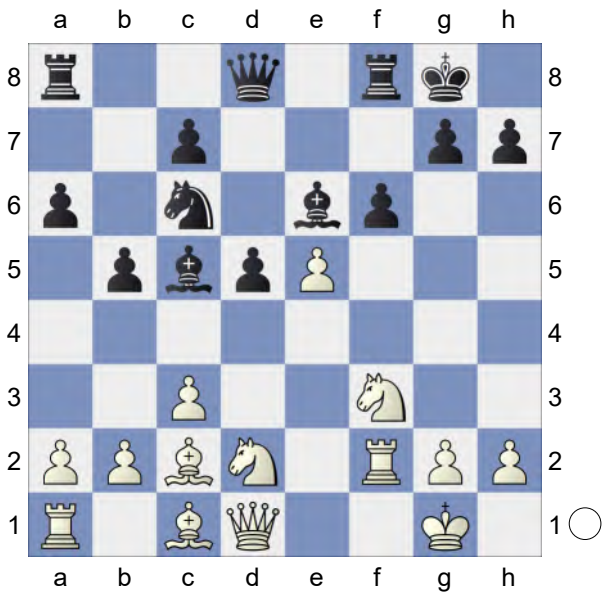
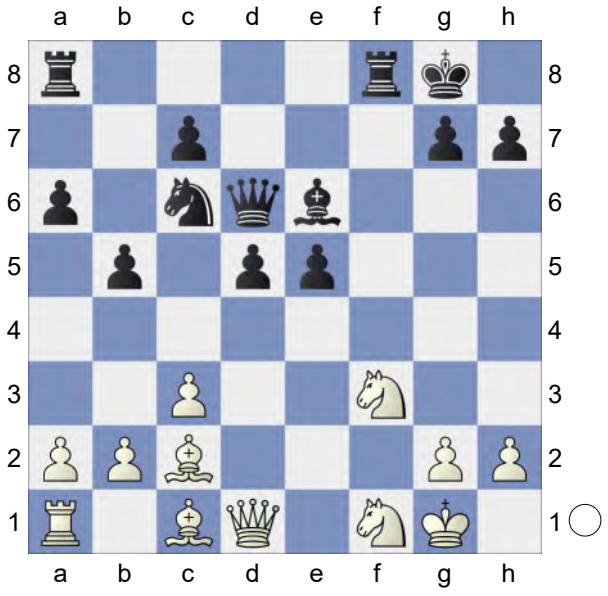


13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 Threatens to win with ...e4. **15.Kg1** White is slightly better. **15...Qd6**



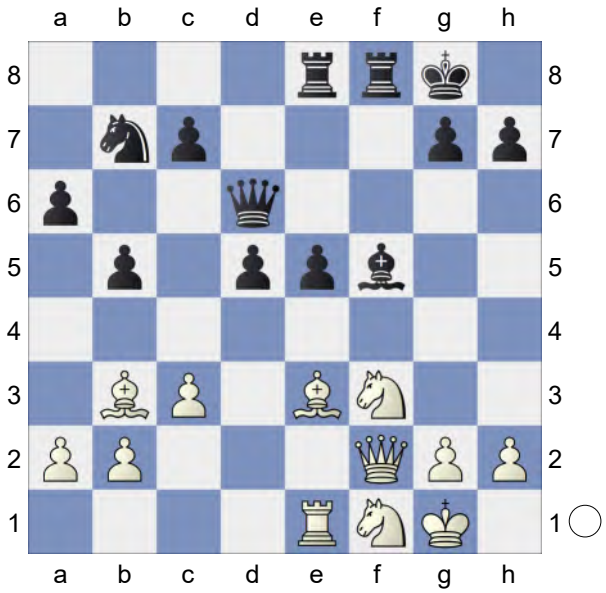
16.Be3 White has compensation. **16...Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5! 18.Bb3** Threatens to win with Qf2. A strong pair of Bishops. **18...Na5 19.Qf2**

[19.Qg3 Bd3 20.N1d2 Rde8 21.Re1]

19...Nb7 Prevents Bc5 **20.Re1 Rde8**

[20...Kh8 21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 Be4 23.N1d2 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 e4 25.Qxd6 Nxd6 26.Nd4 Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4

28.b4 cxb3 29.axb3 a5 30.Nc6 Ra8 31.Ra1 a4 32.Rxa4 e3 33.Bxe3 Rae8 34.Rf4 Rxf4 35.Bxf4 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2859)-So,W (2760) Meltwater Tour Final rapid 2022 (1.3)]



21.Qd2
[21.Ng3 is more complex. Bd3 22.Qd2 e4 23.Ng5]
21...c6 22.Bd1N 0.28/22
[22.Ng3± 0.67/20 Bg4 23.Bd1 10. Ruy Lopez Open-Open 6...b5,9]
22...a5 23.b4 axb4 24.cxb4 Bg4 25.h3 Bh5

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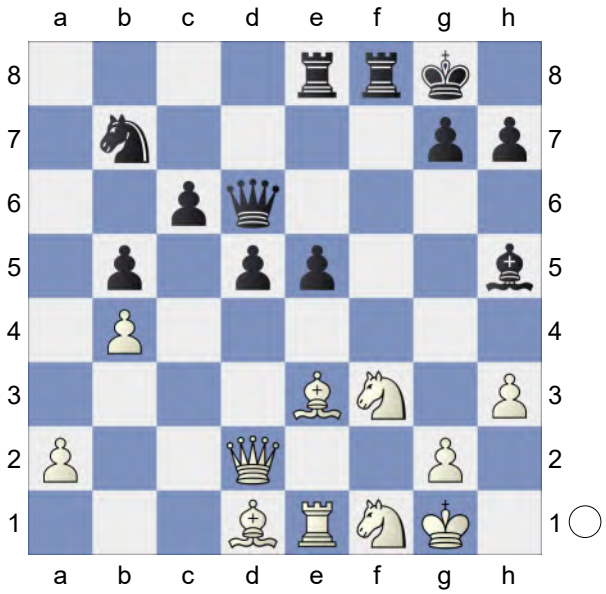
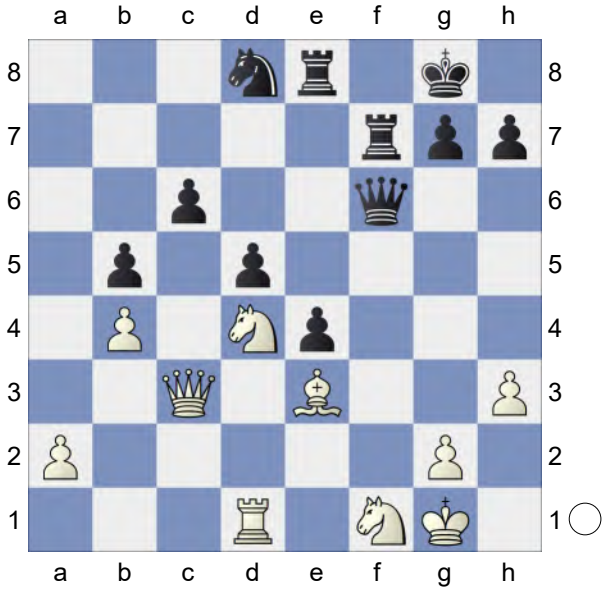


26.Bf2 e4 27.Nd4 Bxd1 28.Rxd1 Nd8 29.Qc3 Qf6 30.Be3 Active counter play!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
30...Rf7



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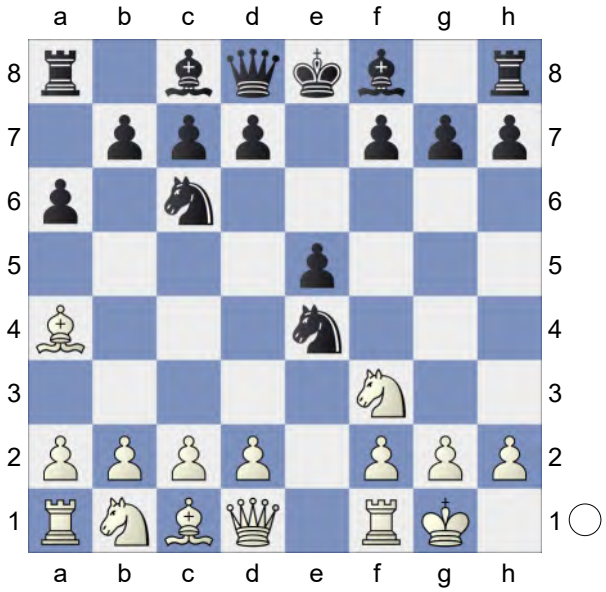
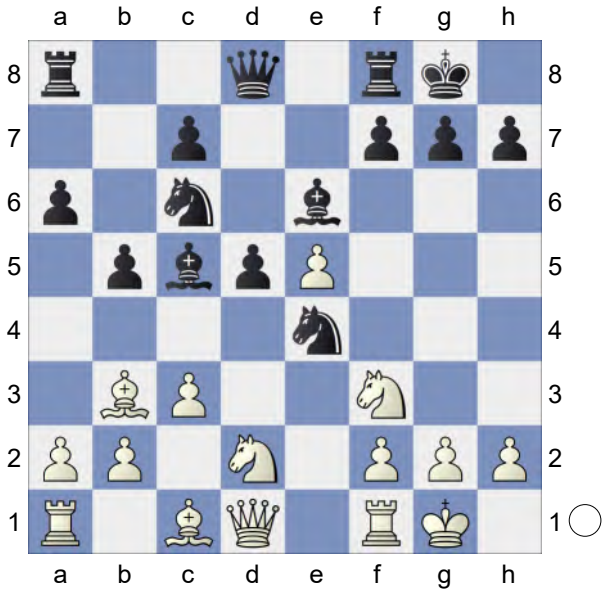
57 **C82**
□ **Sahithi Varshini,M** **2309**
■ **Mkrtchyan,Mariam** **2325**
World Rapid Women 2024 (2.43) 26.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

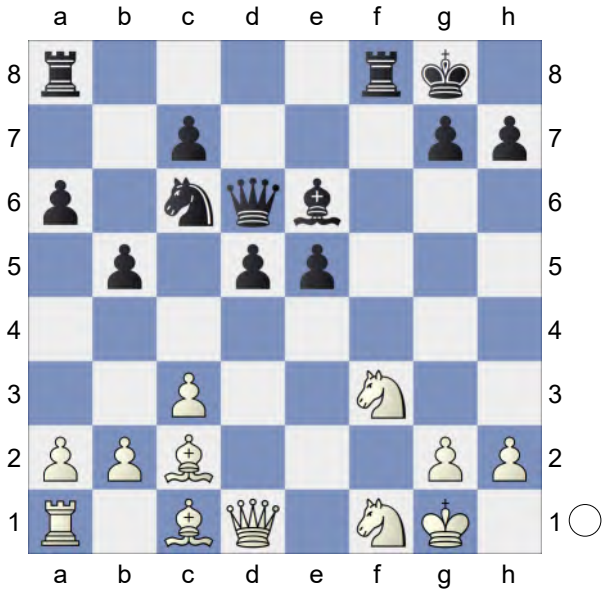
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1 fxe5** And now ...e4 would win. **15.Kg1 Qd6**



16.Be3 White has compensation.
16...Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bb3 This pair of bishops is nice.

[18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 e4 21.Bg3 exf3 22.Bxd6 f2+ 23.Qxf2 Rxf2 24.Kxf2 Rxd6 25.Ne3 d4 26.cxd4 Nxd4 27.b4 Nc6 28.Rxd6 cxd6 29.Nd5 Kf7 30.Ke3 Ke6 31.Ke4 Ne7 32.Nf4+ Kf6 0-1 (48) Lemmers,O (2472)-Molina Souponitskaia,A (2356) 125/42 Biel 2015 (8)]

18...Na5 19.Bf2N

[19.Qf2 Nb7 20.Re1 Rde8 *(20...c5 21.Ng3 Bd3 22.Qd2 c4 23.Bd1 Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7 25.Nh1 e4 26.Nd4 Qg6 27.h4 Nc5 28.h5 Qd6 29.Bg4 h6 30.Qe3 Qf4 31.Qxf4 Rxf4 32.Ne6 Nxe6 33.Bxe6+ Kh7 34.Bxd5 R8f5 35.Bc6* 1-0 (74) Nakamura,H (2760)-Caruana,F (2783) Candidates Tournament 2022 (8) *Rxh5 36.Bd4 Rhf5 37.Nf2 Rf7 38.b4 h5 39.a4 bxa4 40.Bxa4 h4 41.Be3 R4f5*

42.Ra1 h3 43.Ra2 hxg2 44.Bd1 R7f6 45.Bg4 Rd5 46.Kxg2 Rg6 47.Kg3 Bf1 48.Bd4 Bd3 49.Kf4 Kg8 50.Bf5 0-1 (74) Mecking,H (2567)-Kasimdzhanov,R (2687) Corus-B Wijk aan Zee 2009 (11)) 21.Qd2 c6 22.Bd1 a5 23.b4 axb4 24.cxb4 Bg4 25.h3 Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Qg6 27.Qe2 Qf6 28.Bb6 g6 29.Qc2 h5 30.Bd1 Re6 31.Qc3 Nd6 32.Bb3 Kh7 33.Ng3 Qg5 (39) Spagnoli,L-Bida,M URS-ch Soviet Union 1983]

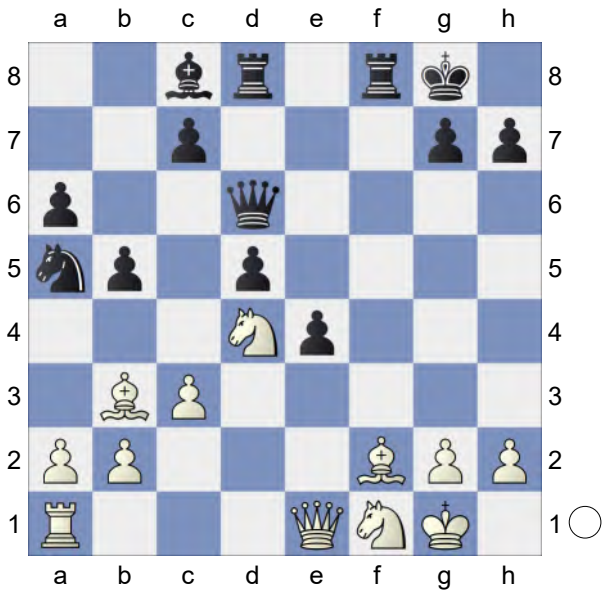
19...e4 0.91/17

[19...Rde8= 0.18/20]

20.Nd4±

[20.Bg3?! Qb6+ 21.Nd4 Bc8∓ *(21...c5 22.Nxf5 Rxf5 23.Bc2±)*]

20...Bc8



21.Qe3 0.32/16

[21.Qxe4? Nxb3 22.Bg3 dxe4-+ *(22...Nxa1? 23.Qb1-+)*]

[21.Bg3 Qb6 22.Bc2 *(22.Qxe4? Nxb3* Pin *23.Qe7 Nxd4-+)* 22...c5-+]

[21.Ne3!± 1.09/18]

21...c5± **22.Ne2** Really sharp! **22...Nb7** 1.03/20

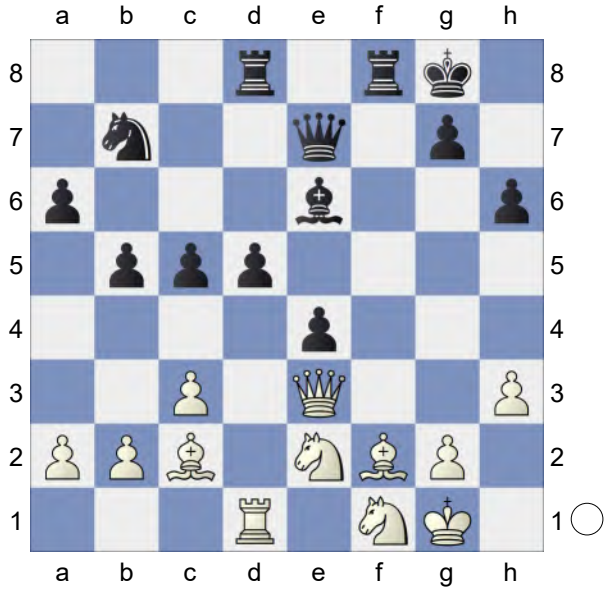
[22...Nxb3= 0.18/23 23.axb3 d4 *(23...Bg4 24.Neg3=)* 24.cxd4 *(24.Qxe4 Rde8-+)* 24...cxd4 25.Qxd4 e3 26.Bxe3 Qe6]

Black is now going downhill. **23.Rd1±**

[23.Qxe4? c4 24.Qd4 cxb3 25.axb3 Rde8-+]

23...Be6 **24.h3↑** White is on the roll.

24...h6 **25.Bc2** **Qe7**



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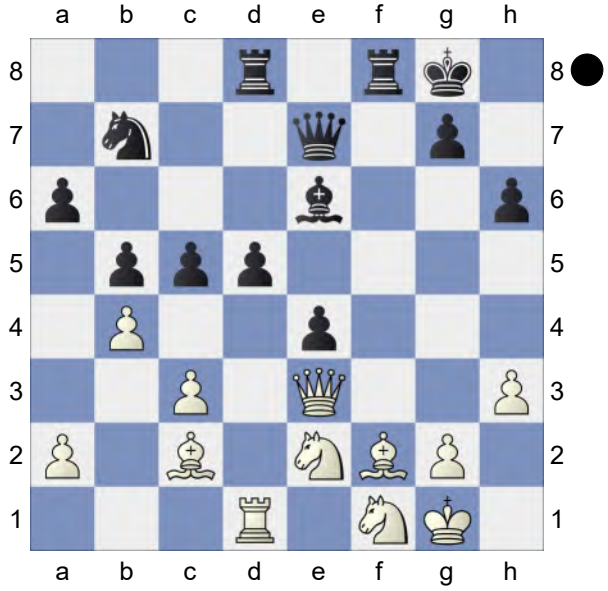


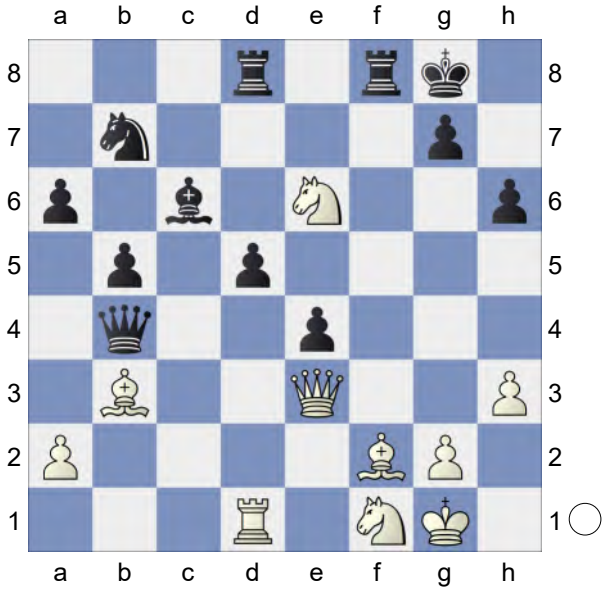
Deflection **26...cxb4** **27.Nd4** **Bd7** 1.40/20

[27...bxc3± 0.65/18 28.Qxc3 Bd7]

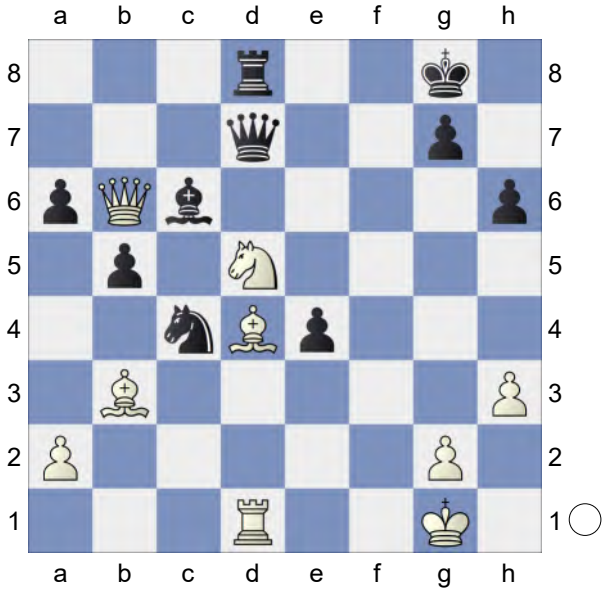
28.Bb3 **Be8** 1.96/16

[28...Qf7± 1.32/17]

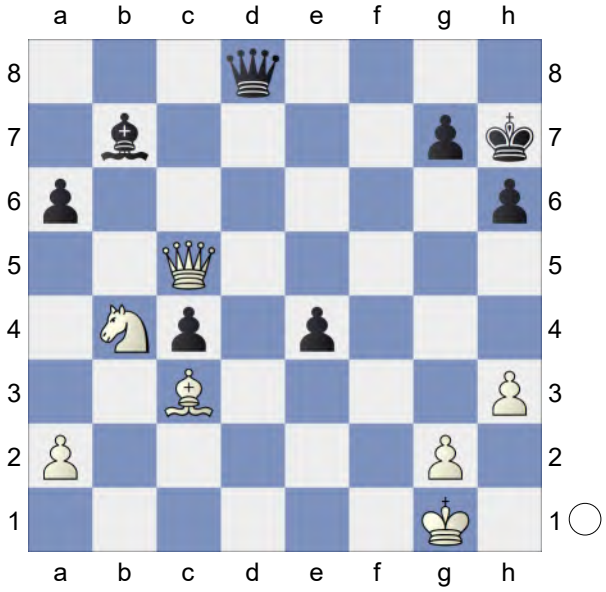
29.cxb4+- Qxb4? 3.30/18
[29...a5 1.75/16 30.a3 a4]
30.Ne6
[30.Qxe4 Nc5 31.Qe7 *(31.Bxd5+ Bf7=)* 31...Rd7±]
30...Bc6



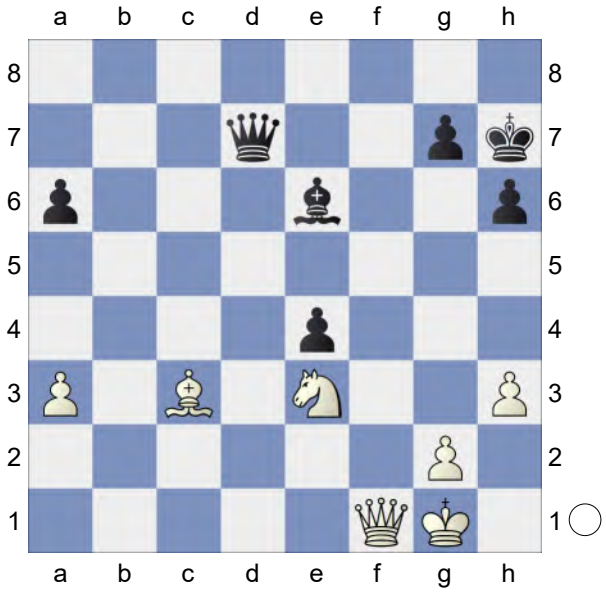
31.Nxd8 Rxd8 32.Qb6 Qd6 33.Bd4 Qd7 34.Ne3
[34.Qxa6 Nd6 35.Qa7 *(35.Ne3 Nc4+-)* 35...Nc4+-]
34...Nd6 35.Nxd5 Nc4



36.Nb4
[36.Qxa6 Bxd5 37.Qg6 Qf7∓]
36...Bb7 37.Qc5 Hoping for Bxg7!.
[But not 37.Nxa6 Bd5+-]
37...Kh7 5.13/22
[⌓37...Qc8 3.34/19 38.Qe5 Qd7]
38.Bc3 Qe8 39.Rxd8 Qxd8 40.Bxc4 bxc4



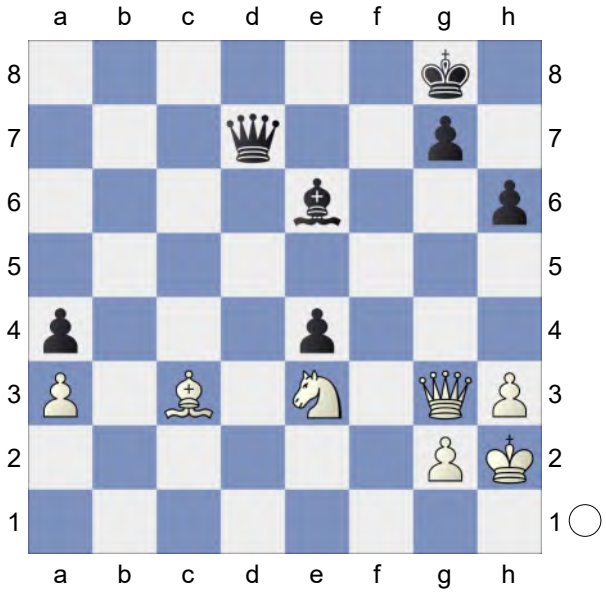
41.Qxc4 Qd1+ 42.Qf1 Qd7 43.Nc2
[Weaker is 43.Nxa6 Qc8+-]
43...Bd5 44.a3 Bf7 45.Ne3 Be6



46.Qf4 Qd3 47.Be5 a5 48.Kh2 White is clearly winning. **48...Kg8** 7.06/19
[⌓48...a4 4.21/17 49.Bb2 Qd7

50.Qxe4+ Kg8]

49.Qg3 Qd7 50.Bc3 a4



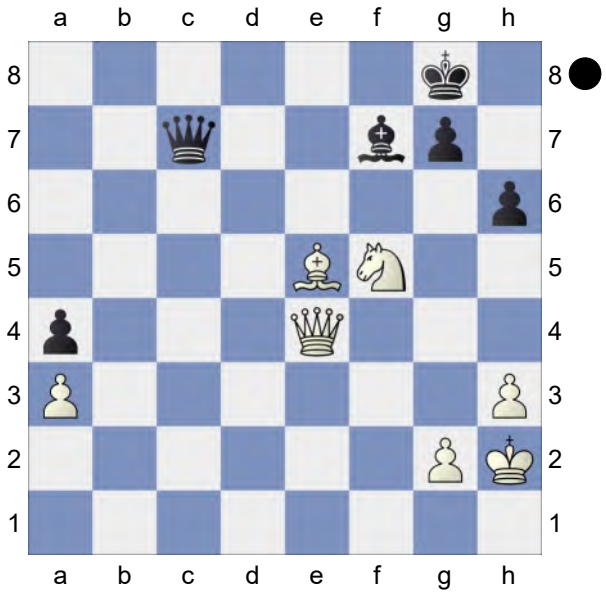
51.Qb8+ Kh7 52.Qe5 Kg8 53.Qxe4 Bf7 8.52/18

[⌓53...Qd6+ 4.61/18 54.Kg1 Bd7 55.Qc4+ Qe6]

54.Nf5 Qc7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.49

55.Be5



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58 **C82**

□ **Horodyskyi,Oleh** **2353**

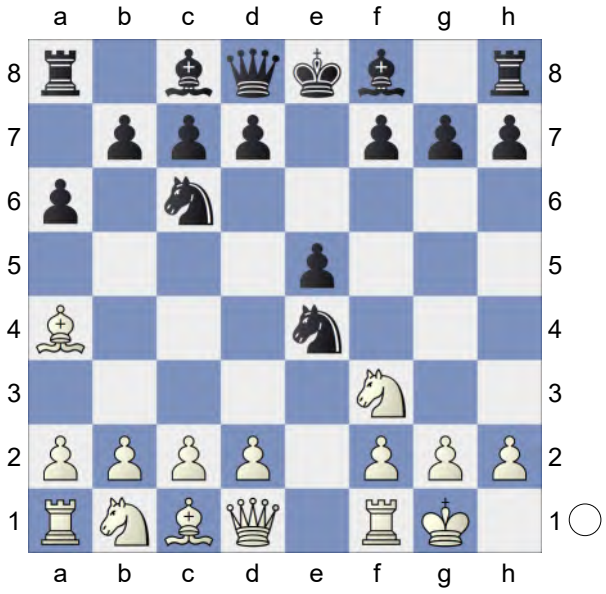
■ **Mesquita Jr,Fausto Monteiro** **2354**

corr WS/MN/A/39 10.04.2023

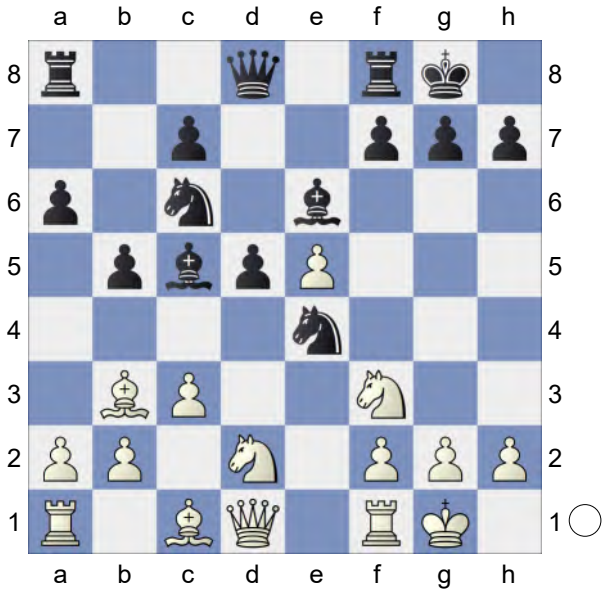
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

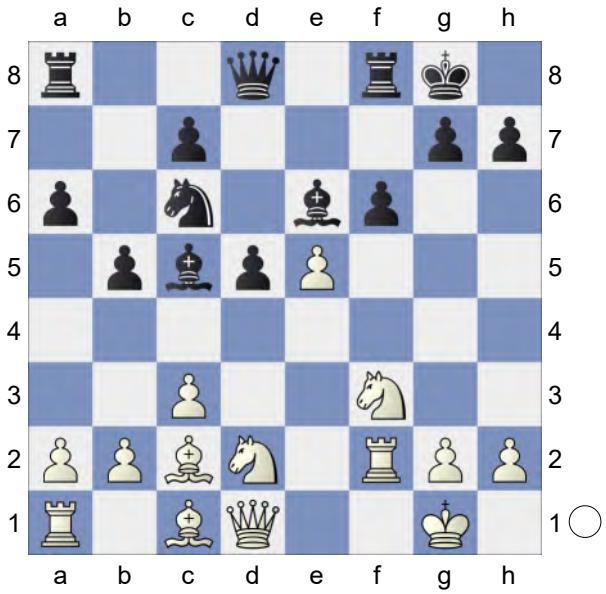
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

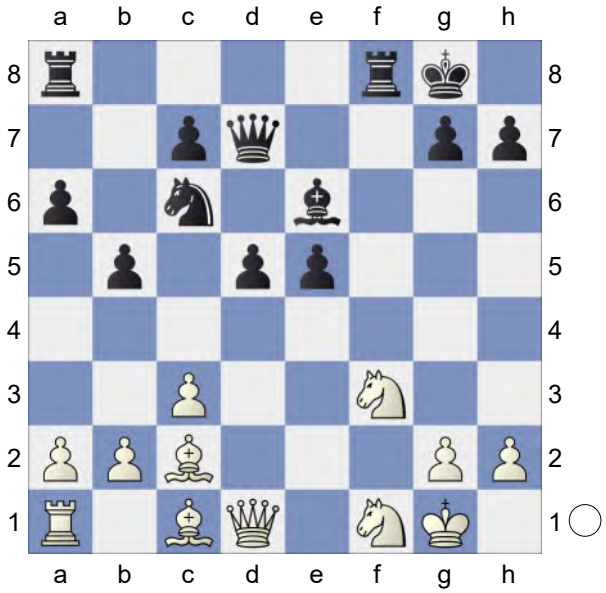


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6



13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Qd7**

[15...Bg4 16.Ne3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ne7 18.Qd3 g6 19.Ng4 Nf5 20.Nxe5 Qd6 21.f4 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 d4 23.Bb3+ Kg7 24.cxd4 Qxd4 25.Bd2 Qxd3 26.Nxd3 Rfd8 27.Bc3+ Nd4 28.Re1 Kf6 29.Re4 Kf5 30.Rxd4 ½-½ (88) Winkler,T (2670)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2552) 8th ch-Euro Dresden GER 2007 (4.1)]



16.a4 White has compensation.

[16.Ng5 Bf5 17.a4 Rad8 18.Ng3 e4 19.Nxf5 Qxf5 20.Qe2 Ne5 21.Be3 Nc4 22.Bb3 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Kh8 24.Nh3 Rd6 25.Qe2 Rdf6 26.axb5 axb5 27.Rd1 c6 28.Kh1 h6 29.Qe3 Qg4 30.Re1 Rf1+ 0-1 (50) Hlavacek,J (2202)-Skrobar,D (2389) 13/218 Vrnjacka Banja 1972 (4)]

16...h6N Prevents Ng5.

[16...e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.b4 Qf7 19.Bg5 Bd7 20.a5 Qg6 21.Be7 Rf7 22.Bc5 Re8 23.Qe1 Rf3 24.Kh1 Rf6 25.Ne3 c6 26.Qg3 Qh6 27.Rg1 Rg6 28.Qe1 Qg5 29.Rf1 Rf6 30.Rxf6 Qxf6 31.Kg1 1-0 (76) Ivanchenko,S (2382)-Chigorin Variation (2273) Haninge 1992 h5 32.h4 Nd3 33.Bxd3 exd3 34.Nb3 Bg4 35.Bd4 Qh6 36.Kh2 Be2 37.Qf2 Rf8 38.Nf5 Qe6 39.Qg3 Bg4 40.Ne3 Qg6 41.Nd2 Qh6 42.Qe5 Rf7 43.Kg1 Kh7 44.Nef1 Bd1 45.Be3 Qg6 46.Bg5 1-0 (76) Homont,R (2382)-Wydornik,R (2273) corr BRA/CXEB50/Sf (BRA) 2020]

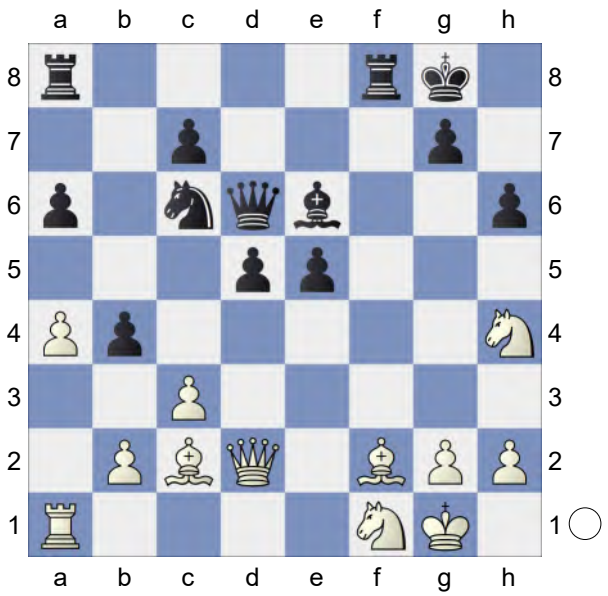
[16...b4 17.Ng5 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Ne3 Rxg5 20.Nxd5 Qg4 21.Bxg5 Qxg5 22.Nxc7 6. Dilworth Open Spanish-11...Nxf2 #7]

17.Be3 Qd6 Wards off Bc5 **18.Bf2** This pair of bishops is nice. **18...b4 19.Qd2 Bg4** 0.98/21

[19...bxc3± 0.58/20 20.bxc3 Rad8]

20.Nh4 Be6

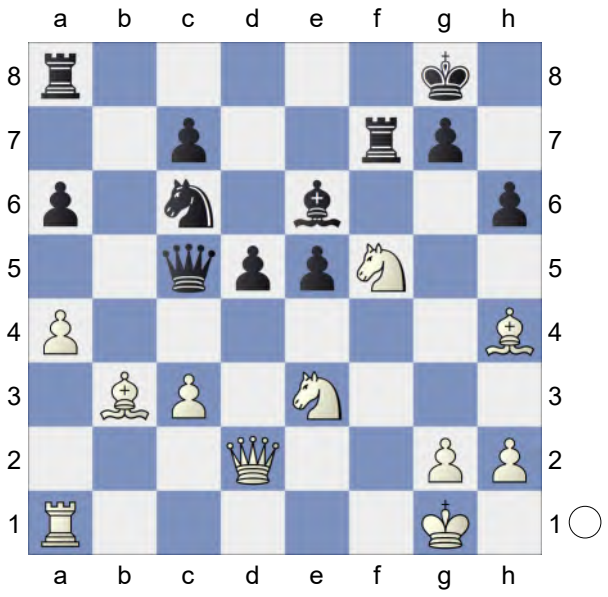
(Diagram)



21.Ne3 bxc3 22.bxc3 Rf6 23.Nhf5 Qf8 24.Bh4 0.00/19

[24.Ng3± 0.43/16 feels stronger.]

24...Rf7= 25.Bb3 0.54/21 **Qc5±**



26.Bf2! Black must now prevent Ng4.

26...Qf8 27.Ng3 White is much more active.

[27.Bxd5 Rd8 28.c4 Bxd5 *(28...Rxf5? 29.Bxe6+ Kh8 30.Nd5+-)* 29.cxd5 Rxf5 30.Nxf5 Qxf5=]

27...Rd8 28.a5

[28.Bxd5? Ne7 29.c4 c6-+]

[28.Nxd5 Na5 *(28...Rxf2 29.Qxf2 Bxd5 30.Bxd5+ Rxd5 31.Qc2∓)* 29.Ba2 Rxf2 30.Qxf2 Qxf2+ *(30...Bxd5? 31.Qxf8+ Kxf8 32.Rd1+-)* 31.Kxf2 Bxd5=]

28...Rf6 29.Nh5

[29.Bxd5 Bxd5 30.Nxd5 Rxf2 31.Qxf2 Rxd5∓]

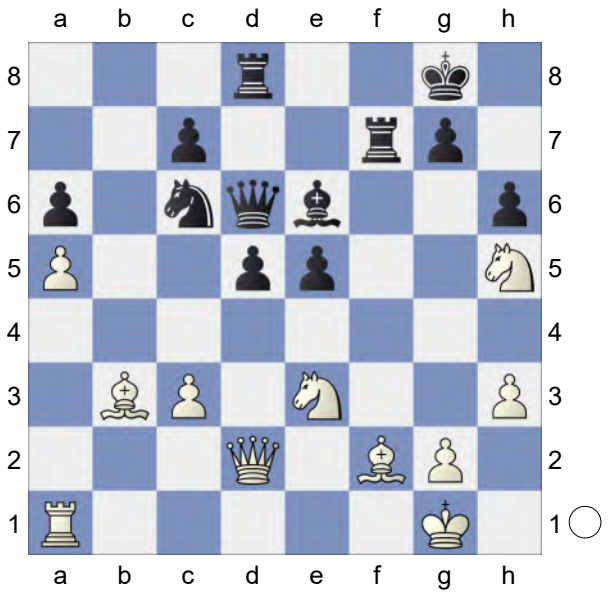
[29.Nxd5 Rxf2 30.Qxf2 Qxf2+ *(30...Bxd5 31.Bxd5+ Rxd5 32.Qe1∓)* 31.Kxf2 Bxd5 32.Bxd5+ Rxd5∓]

29...Rf7 30.h3

[30.Bxd5 Ne7 31.c4 c6-+]

[30.Nxd5 Rxf2 31.Qxf2 Qxf2+ *(31...Bxd5 32.Qxf8+ Kxf8 33.Rf1+ Kg8 34.Rf6-+)* 32.Kxf2 Bxd5 33.Bxd5+ Rxd5-+]

30...Qd6!

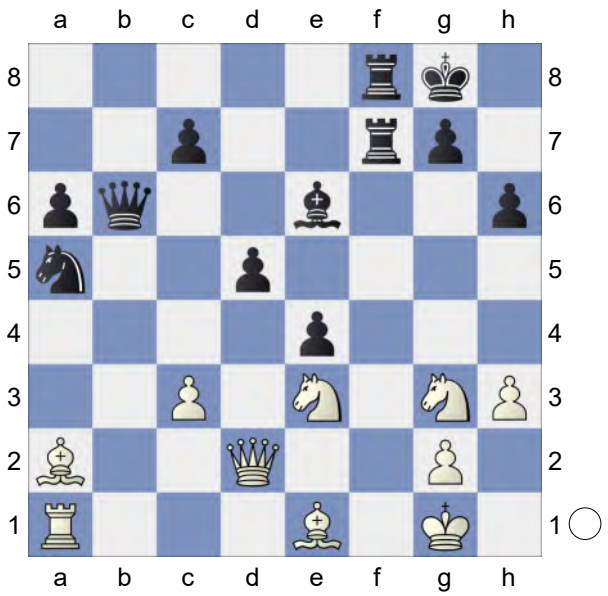


31.Bc2 Rdf8 32.Be1 e4 33.Bb3 Qc5 34.Ng3!

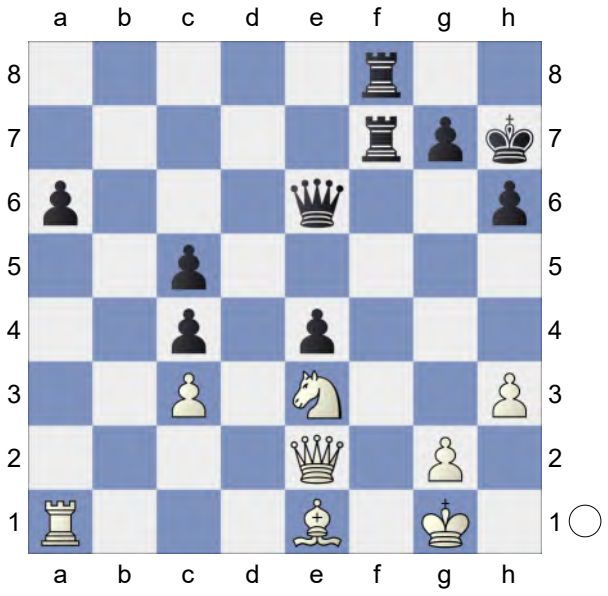
[34.Bxd5? Bxd5 *(34...Nxa5?* loses. *35.Bxe6* Pin *Kh7 36.Qd4+-)* 35.Qxd5 Qxe3+-+]

34...Nxa5 35.Ba2 Qb6

(Diagram)

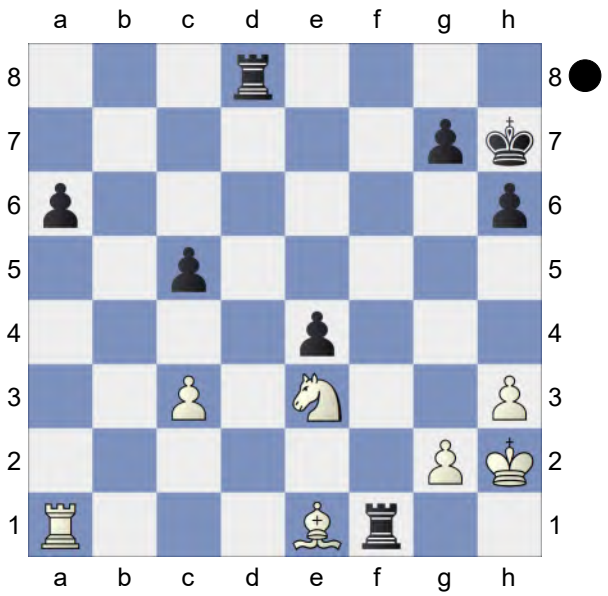


36.Ne2 Nc4 The position is equal.
[36...Rf1+ 37.Kh2 Nc4 *(37...Qd6+? 38.Bg3+-* Skewer *)* 38.Bxc4 Rxe1 39.Rxe1+-]
37.Bxc4 dxc4 38.Nd4 c5 39.Nxe6 Qxe6 40.Qe2 Kh7



41.Qxc4 Qxc4 42.Nxc4 Rf1+ 43.Kh2 Rd8 White must now prevent ...Rd3.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
44.Ne3!

(Diagram)



½-½

59 **C82**
□ **Lenaerts,L** **2301**
■ **Geirnaert,Steven** **2425**
ch-BEL 2023 Bruges BEL (4.5) 15.08.23
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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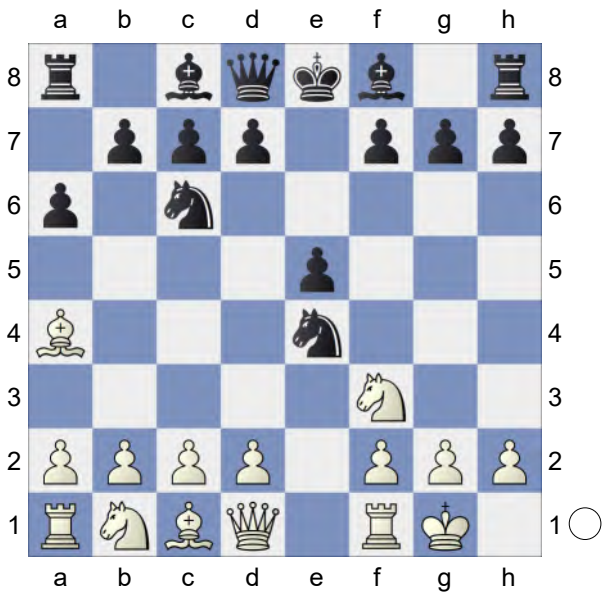
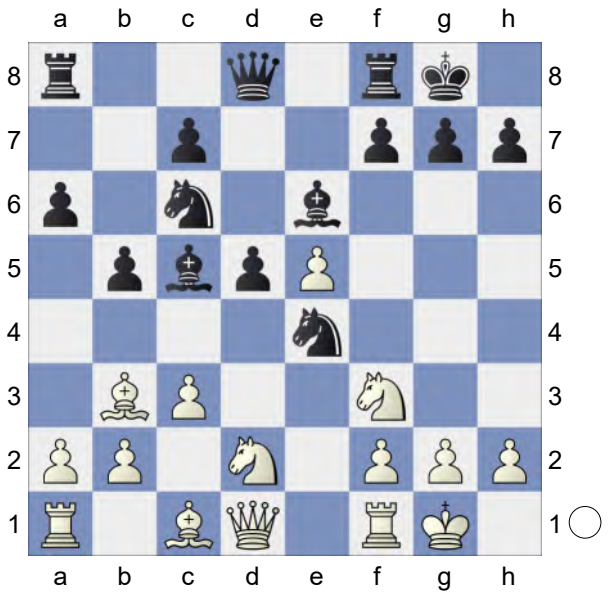
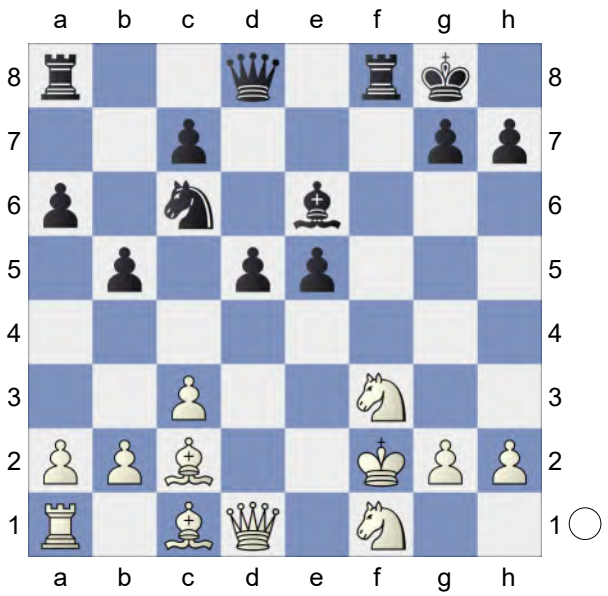


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



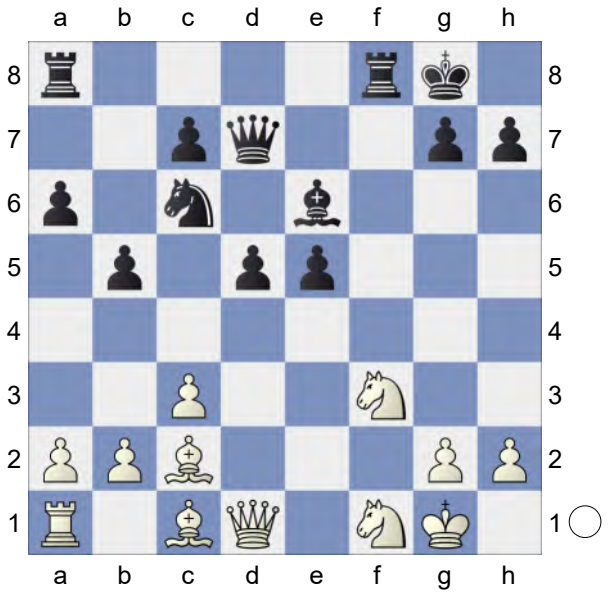
11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 White is slightly better. **13...f6 14.Nf1!** is now more promising than 14.exf6. im Vergleich zu 14.exf6 vielversprechender. **14...fxe5**

(Diagram)



15.Kg1 Qd7

[15...Bg4 16.Ne3 Be6 17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Bb3 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd2 Ra8 23.Bb4 Rf7 24.Rc1 Rc8 25.Qe1 Qf6 26.Bc5 h6 27.Qg3 Kh7 28.h3 Qf4 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Rf1 1-0 (58) Vachier Lagrave,M (2722)-Deac,B (2668) Superbet POL Blitz 2025 (15.3)]



16.a4 White has compensation.

[16.Bg5 Rae8 17.Qd2 d4 18.Ng3 h6 19.Bh4 dxc3 20.Qxc3 Rxf3

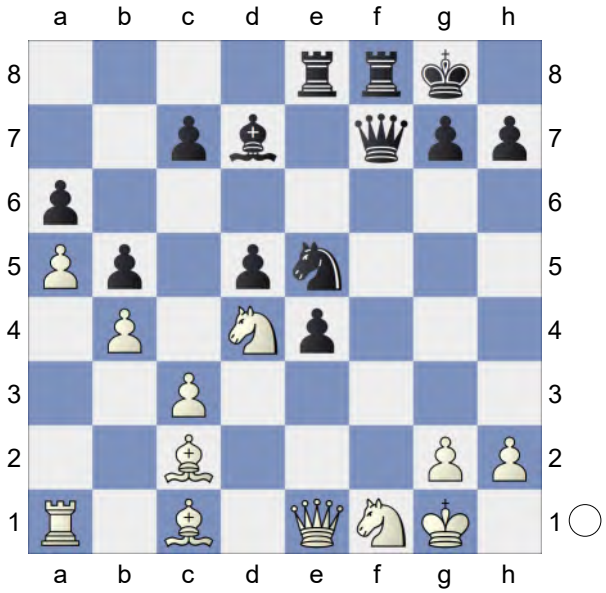
21.gxf3 Nd4 22.Bd1 Rf8 23.Ne4 Bc4 24.Kg2 Rf4 25.Be1 Qf5 26.Nd2 e4 27.Bg3 exf3+ 28.Kf2 Rg4 29.Nxc4 bxc4 30.Bxf3 Nxf3 1-0 (39) 4.d4 ♘f6 5. ♗c4 (2750)-Deslandes,P (2786) TCh-Playoffs 2001 (4)]

16...e4N

[16...Kh8 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qh5 g5 21.Bxg5 Kg8 22.Bf6 Nc4 23.Qg5+ Kf8 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Bd4 Nd6 26.Qf6 Rf8 27.Qe5 Kf7 28.Ne3 Ke8 29.Nxd5 Kd8 30.Nf6 Qf7 31.Qg5 ½-½ (54) Huschenbeth,N (2611)-Grandelius,N (2663) Bundesliga 2122 2022 (14.7)]

17.Nd4 Ne5 18.b4 Qf7! 19.Qe1 Inhibits Qf2+. **19...Bd7 20.a5! Rae8N**

[Vorgänger: 20...c6 21.Be3 Nc4 Threatens to win with ...Qxf1+!. 22.Qg3 Nxe3! 23.Nxe3 Qe7 24.Bd1 Rf6! 25.Bh5 Rh6 26.Bg4 Threatens to win with Bf5. Rg6! ½-½ Castle Jr,T (2147)-Lopez Benito Alvarez Blazquez,M (2143) W-ch WS/CCE/A/04 email 2019]



21.Be3 Qf6 1.21/19

[21...Qh5± 0.63/18]

22.Qg3 Rf7 1.34/17

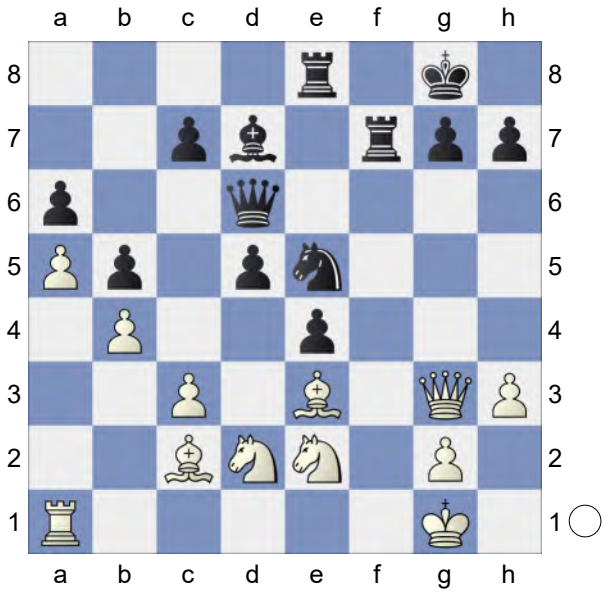
[⌓22...Ng4 0.89/18]

23.Nd2± Ref8 2.12/23

[23...Ng4± 1.34/17]

24.h3 Active counter play! **24...Qd6**

25.Ne2 Re8

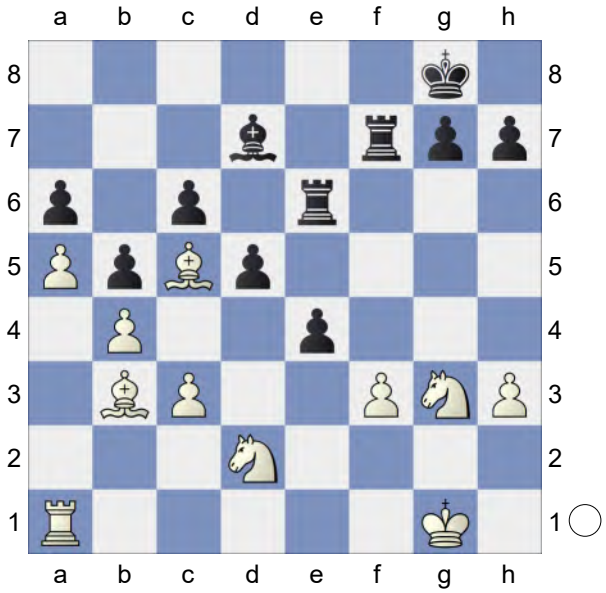


26.Bb3 Re6? 4.02/20

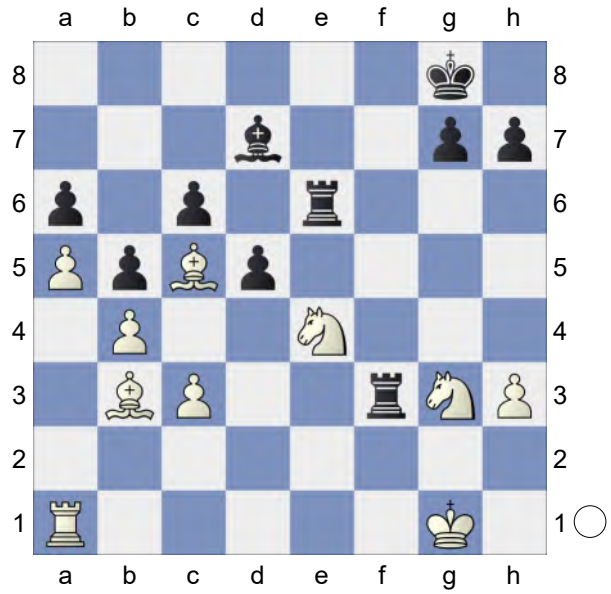
[26...c6± 1.60/15 was necessary. 27.Bf4 Qe7]

27.Bc5+- A strong pair of Bishops.

27...Nf3+ 28.gxf3 Qxg3+ 29.Nxg3 c6



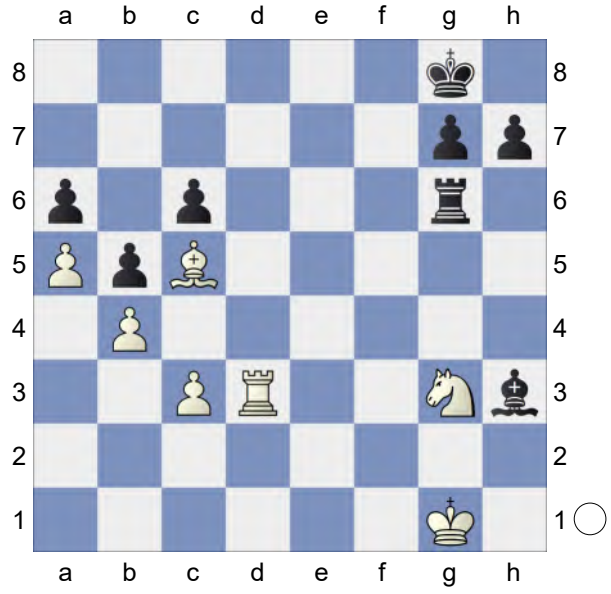
30.Ndxe4! Rxf3



31.Bd1 Rd3 32.Be2 Trapped Piece **32...dxe4 33.Bxd3 exd3 34.Rd1 Rg6 35.Rxd3**

[Don't play 35.Kh2 Be6 36.Rxd3 Bd5+-]

35...Bxh3



36.Kh2 Rh6 37.Rd8+ Kf7 38.Be3 Rh4 39.Bg5 White is clearly winning. **39...Rg4 40.Rd7+ Ke6**

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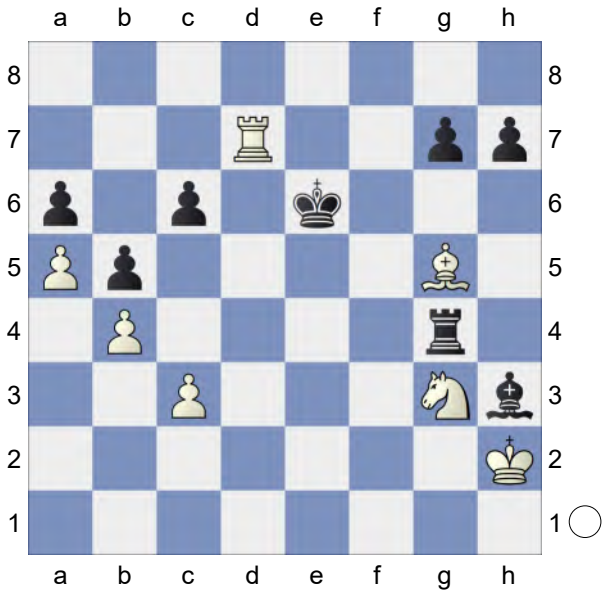
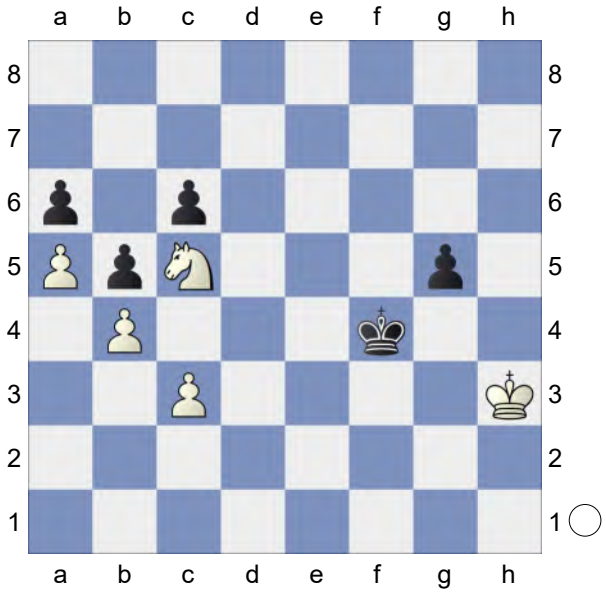


41.Rxg7 h6 42.Kxh3 Rxg5 43.Rxg5 hxg5 44.Ne4 Ke5 45.Nc5 Kf4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.47

46.Kg2

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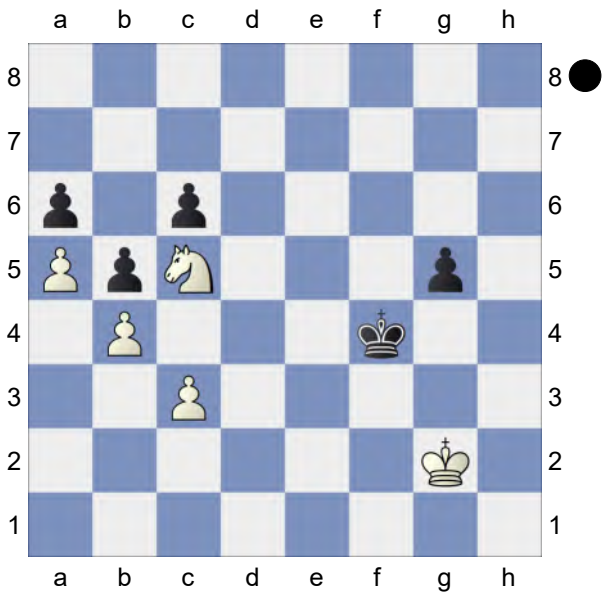

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60 **C82**
□ **Stocek,Jiri** **2559**
■ **Zilka,Stepan** **2463**
CZE-chT 0809 (5.4) 10.01.2009
[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0!? In this game I will analyze other options for Black than taking on c4 and how to answer them with White.

5...Nxe4!?

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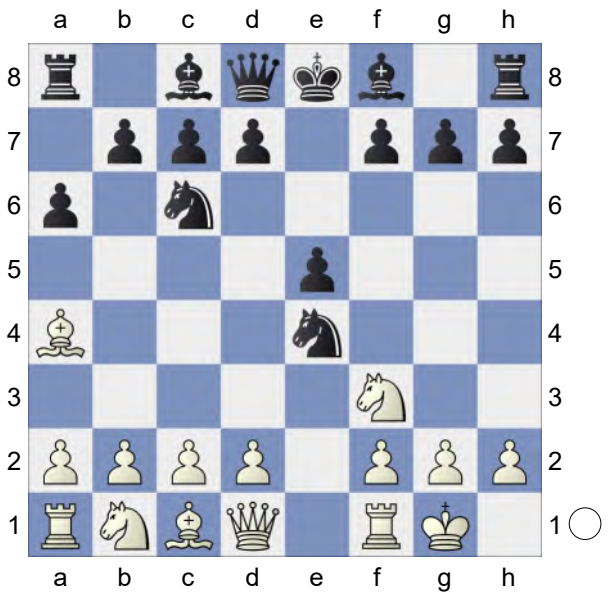
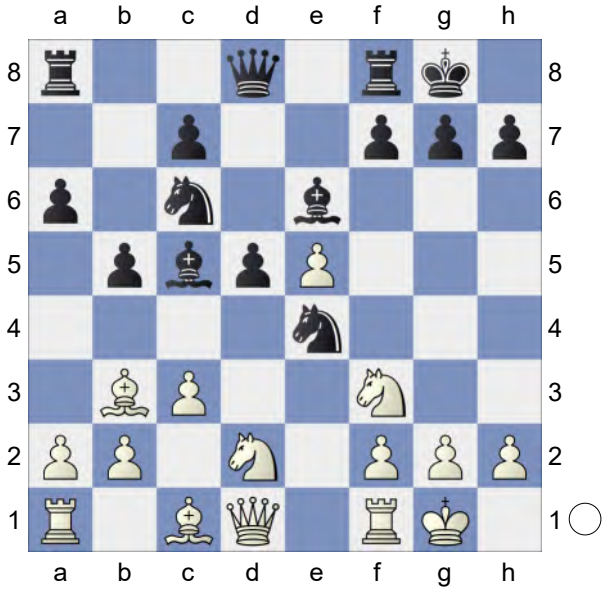


6.d4 White can also play 6.a3 to prevent ♘b4 but I think ♘c3 here is better. The Czech grandmaster Jiri Stocek used to play this variation. **6...b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0**



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6! White does not want Black to castle.

13...Bxf2+ Necessary.

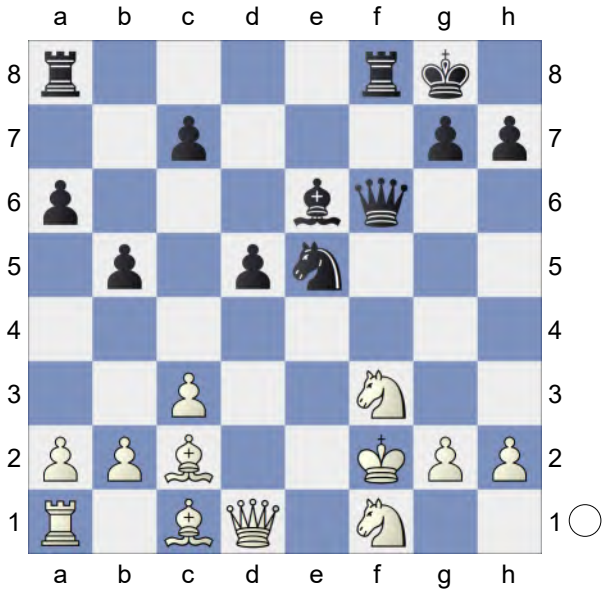
[13...Qxf6 14.Qf1]

14.Kxf2 Threatening ♘d5 **14...Qxf6 15.Nf1**

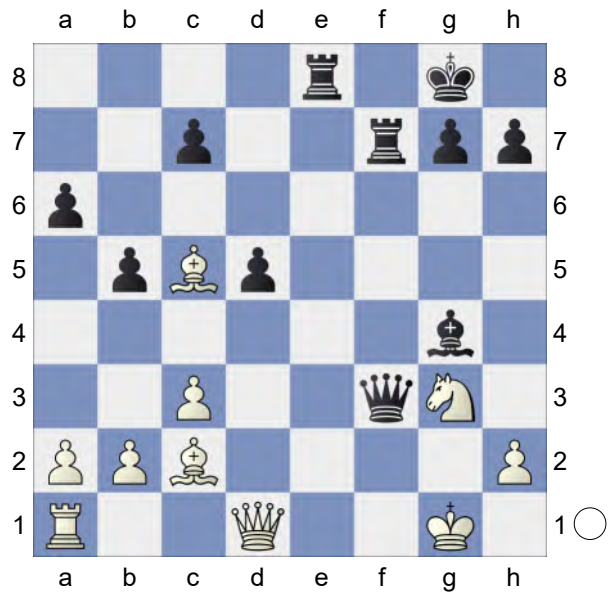
[15.Kg1 Rae8 16.Nf1 Ne5]

15...Ne5

[15...Rae8]



16.Be3! now the Bg7 is locked in and the c5-pawn is a weakness. **16...Rae8**
[16...Ng4+ 17.Kg1 Nxe3 18.Nxe3]
[16...Nxf3 17.gxf3 Rae8 18.f4]
17.Bc5 This pair of bishops is nice.
[17.Bd4 -0.43/26 17.Bc5 0.12
A) 17...Qh4+ 18.Kg1! Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Bh3! *(19...Bf5* 0.96/20 19...Bh3 -0.03 *20.Bxf5! Rxf5 21.Ng3)* 20.Ng3 Qf4!;
B) 17...Bg4 18.N1d2!
B1) 18...Qh4+ 0.30/24 18...Qg5 -0.37 19.Kg1 Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Qh5 21.Qd2 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Qxf3 0.61/25 *(22...Rxf3 23.Bd3;* 22...Rxf3= 0.25/24 *23.Bd3 Qg4+ 24.Kh1 Rf7)* 23.Qd3!;
B2) 18...Qg5! 19.Bxe5! Qxe5 20.Kg1 Qe3+ 21.Kh1 Qf2 *(21...c5* 0.31/22 21...Qf2 -0.46*)* 22.Bb3! Re2 0.28/25 *(22...c6* 0.28/21 22...Bxf3 -0.20 *23.Qg1 Rxf3 24.Nxf3 Qxf3 25.gxf3 Bxf3+ 26.Qg2 Bxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Re2+;* 22...Bxf3 -0.15/29 feels stronger. *23.Nxf3 c6)* 23.Bxd5+= Kh8 24.Qf1! Qxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Bxf3! 26.Nxf3 Rxb2]
[17.Bc5!? Rf7 18.N1d2∓]
[17.N1d2 Ng4+]
17...Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7
[18...Qh4+ 1.31/25 18...Rf7 0.09 19.Kg1 Rf6 20.Ng3 Prevents Qh5.]
19.Ng3! Some like it hot
[19.Kg1?? Bf5-+ *(19...Qxf3 20.Qxf3 Rxf3 21.Re1 g6 22.Nd2* The resulting endgame is better for White because he has more space. White should play ♗f4 to fix Black's dark-squared bishop and then go for 0-0- ♖e1. *Rf4 23.Re3* fixing Black's ♗e7. *)* 20.Ng3 Bxc2 21.Qxc2 Qxf3 22.Rf1 Qg4!?± White is a bit better and can play h3- ♗f4 or ♗b2. another option is 23.Rxf7!?± Kxf7 24.Qxh7 Re2 transposes. 25.Qd3 Rxb2 26.Qxd5+ Qe6 27.Qf3+ Kg8 ½-½ (48) Hoffmann,M (2517)-Guidarelli,L (2433) Vlissingen 2010, leading to a position in our last game. transposes. 28.a3 Rb1+ 29.Kg2 Rb2+ Forcing Black to take on c4. 30.Kg1 Now Black's ♗b7 does not have a big future because of White's solid c4-d5 structure. Rb1+]
[19.Kg2 d4 *(19...Qg5+)* 20.Bxd4 Qg5+ 21.Ng3 c5! 22.Bf2 Rxf3! 23.Be4 *(23.Kxf3* -1.24/20 23.Be4 -0.09 transposes. *Bg4+; 23.Be4!? Bh3+* Deflection *24.Kxh3 Rxf2 25.Qd5+ Qxd5 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.b3=)* 23...Bh3+ 24.Kxh3 Rxf2± now White gets a second pawn for the exchange and has the pair of bishops. White can also simply protect the c4-pawn with 25.Qd5+± Qxd5 26.Bxd5+± Kh8]
19...Bg4 Prevents Qd3. **20.Kg1 Qxf3**



21.Qxf3 Rxf3

[21...Bxf3 0.69/22 21...Rxf3 0.00 22.Rf1

A) 22...Rf6 1.78/23 22...Rf4 0.64 23.b4 1.05/23 *(23.Bf5+- 1.78/23 Be4 24.Nxe4 dxe4 25.Bd4)* 23...c6 2.02/24 *(23...Bg4± 1.05/23* keeps fighting.*)* 24.Bd4+- Rf4 25.Bf5 1-0 (49) Prohaszka,P (2430) -Rajlich,I (2428) Budapest 2007;

B) 22...Rf4! 23.b4! g5! 24.h3 Wards off Bg4]

22.Rf1

[22.a4 Bh3 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ne2 Kf7 *(24...Rxe2* 1.31/23 24...g6 0.04 *25.Ra8+ Kf7 26.Rf8+ Ke6 27.Rxf3)* 25.Nd4 Rf6 26.Kh1 Rf2 27.Bxh7 Rh8 28.Nc2 Rf3 29.Nd4 Rf2 30.Nc2 Rf3 31.Nd4 Rf2 32.Nc2 Rf3]

[22.Kg2 aiming for h3. h5 23.Bg6 *(23.h4 g5 24.Bd1! Rd3)* 23...Re6 24.Bxh5 Rxg3+! 25.Kxg3 Bxh5 26.a4 Rg6+ 27.Kf2 Rf6+ 28.Kg2 bxa4 29.Rxa4 Bf3+ 30.Kg3 Be4 31.Bd4 Rg6+ 32.Kf4 Bd3 33.Ra1 Kf7 34.Rg1 Rxg1 35.Bxg1 a5 36.Ke5 Bc4 37.Bc5 Ke8 38.h4 Kf7 39.Ba3 a4 40.Bc5 Kg6 ½-½ (51) Logan,T (2555)-Grabinsky,J (2655) VI Open Tarragona ESP 2005 (2)]

22...h5N

[22...Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1

A) 23...a5 24.Bd3

A1) 24...Bd7 25.Ne2 *(25.h4 g6 26.Kf2 Kf7 27.Ne2 a4 28.Nd4 c6 29.Nf3 Bf5 30.Bf1 Kf6 31.Ng5 h6 32.Nf3 g5 33.hxg5+ hxg5 34.Bd4+ Ke7 35.Nxg5 Kd6 36.Nf7+ Ke7 37.Ng5 Kd6 38.a3 c5 39.Be3 Kc6* ½-½ (60) Model Game #1: Vojtek, V (2535)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2524) 64/509 Moscow 1995 (6) *)*;

A2) 24...b4 25.cxb4± White's king is safe. The game continued: 25...axb4 26.Bxb4 Rb8 Wards off a4 27.Bc3 c5;

B) 23...g6 24.b4 Kf7 25.Kf2 Kf6 26.h4 c6 27.a4 bxa4 28.Bxa4 Bd7 29.Bc2 Ra8 30.Bb6 Rb8 31.Bd4+ Kf7 32.Bd3 Ra8 33.Bb6 Rb8 34.Ba5 Ra8 35.Bb6 ; -; Mctigue,J-6. ♗e3 ♘c6 7. ♗e2 63774 Wien 58/44 1993;

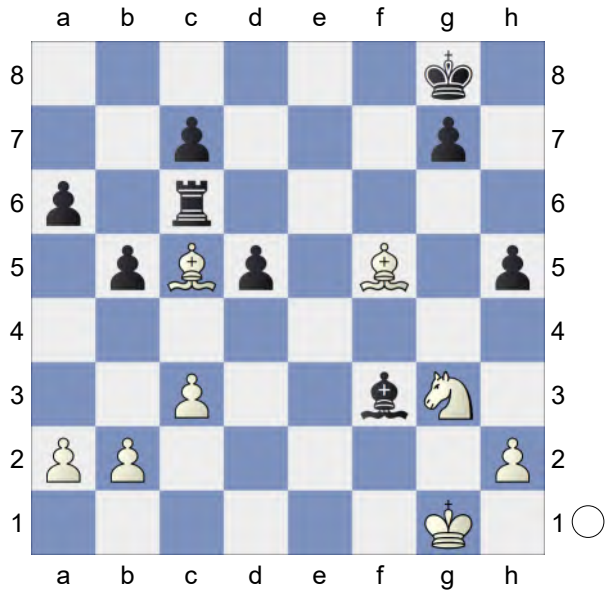
C) 23...Re6 24.b4 Black is opening his kingside but what else can he do? ♗e7 is followed by d6! h5!? 25.h4 Rf6+ now the pin is to strong. White threatens to play ♕f3 and ♘e4 so that Black has to go for the following forced line: 26.Bf2! c6! 27.Ne2 Bf5!]

23.Rxf3 Bxf3 24.Bg6

[24.Kf2 Bg4! 25.h3 Bxh3! with an annoying pin for Black. 26.Nxh5]

24...Re6 25.Bf5 For the engine this position is holdable, but for a human it is not very easy. Of course White could have played better before, but here too he has big winning chances (and won

the game in the end). **25...Rc6**



26.Bd4 Bg4 27.Bxg4
[27.Bd3 Re6 28.Kf2 White has more space because of the d5-pawn which keeps the black ♗b7 out of the game; on the other hand, Black has the pair of bishops.]
27...hxg4 28.Nf5 Re6 Repels Ne7+
29.Ne3 White has compensation.
[29.Nxg7 Re1+ *(29...Re2 30.Nh5∓)* 30.Kf2 Rh1]
29...c6
[29...a5!+- 30.Nxd5 Re2 Strongly threatening ...c6.with the idea to play ♖c1 and ♗g5 (d3 is hanging then)
A dynamic option here is 31.b4!? a4 32.Nxc7± Rxa2!? is interesting, attacking White's centre in a straight way. 33.Nxb5 a3 34.Nxa3! Rxa3]
30.Kf2 Re4

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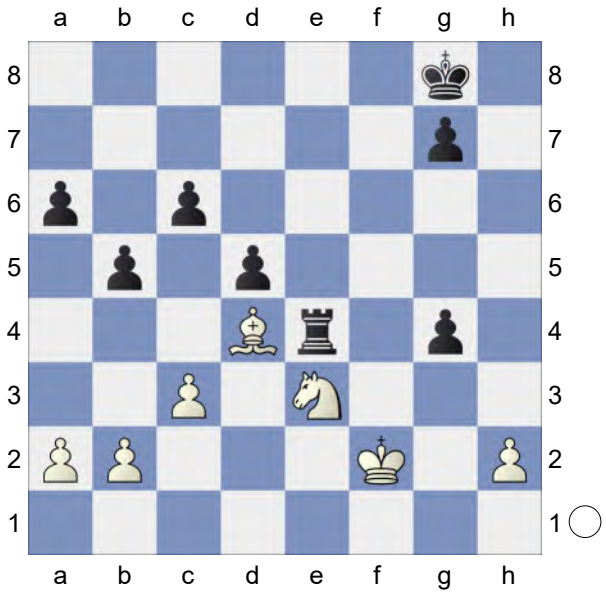
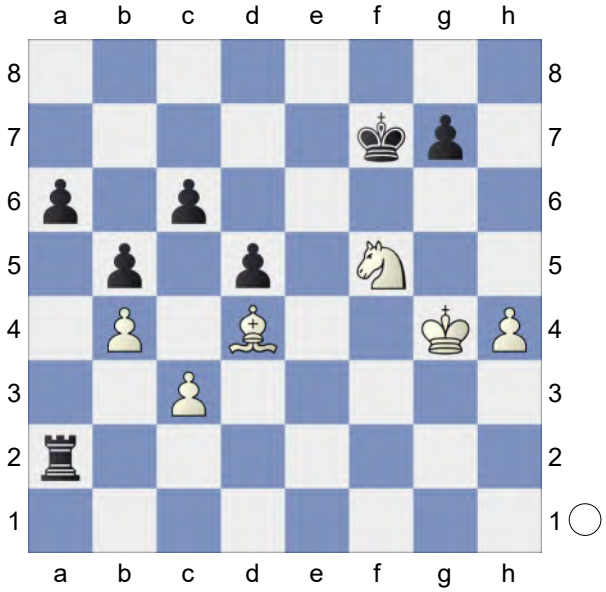
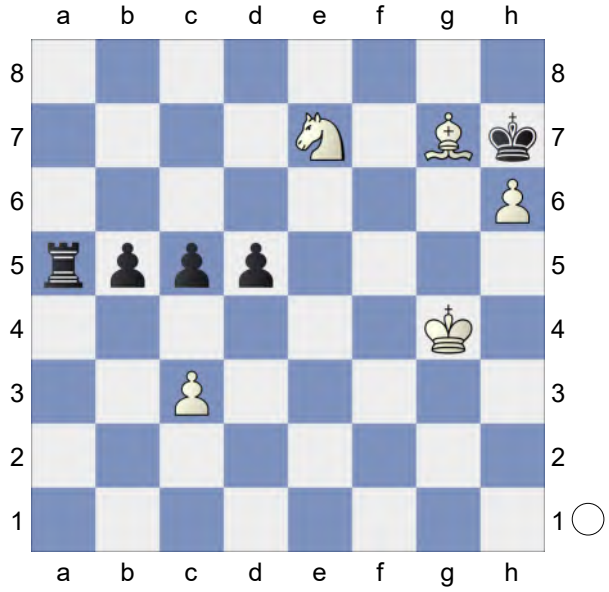


31.b4 Rf4+ 0.93/27
[31...Kf7 32.Kg3 g5 1-0 (44) Stocek, J (2593)-Rodriguez,E (2315) Wheeling 2010, and now it is better to play 33.Nxg4! Re2 34.Ne5+ Ke6 35.Nxc6± White will be a pawn up. Rxa2?!]
[31...g5= 0.11/28]
32.Kg3± Rf3+ 33.Kxg4 0.48/21
[33.Kg2!± 1.00/25]
33...Rf2± 34.h4 Rxa2 35.Nf5 Kf7



Wards off Ne7 **36.Bxg7** 0.00/25
[36.Nd6+!± 0.57/20 Ke6 37.Nb7]

36...a5!=
[36...Rg2+?! 37.Kf3 Rh2
(37...Rxg7? 38.Nxg7 Kxg7
39.Ke3+-) 38.Kg3+-]
37.bxa5 c5 38.h5 Rxa5? 39.h6 Kg6 40.Ne7+ Kh7



41.Nxd5 Ra1 1.35/22
[41...b4!= 0.03/24]
42.Kf5 0.51/22
[42.Nf6+!± 1.35/22 Kg6 43.Nd7]
42...Rf1+?± 43.Ke4+- 0.14/22
[43.Kg5± 0.51/26 Rg1+ 44.Kf5 Rf1+ 45.Ke5]
43...b4 0.51/22 **44.c4!± b3 45.Kd3** 0.00/32
[White should play 45.Nb6!± 0.83/25]
45...Rf3+=

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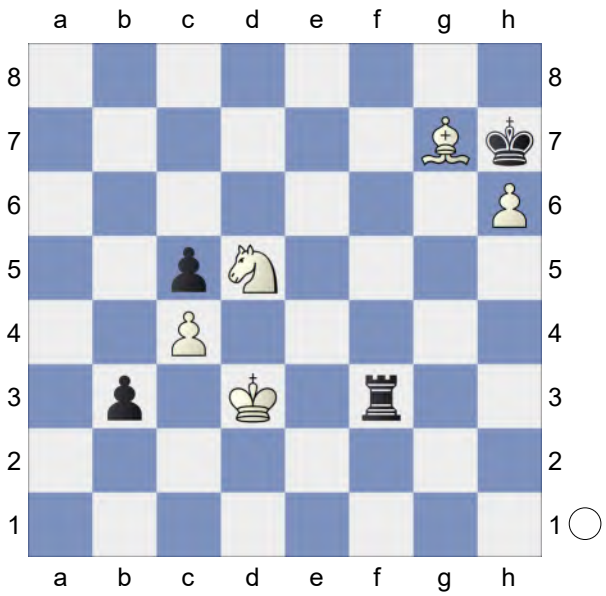
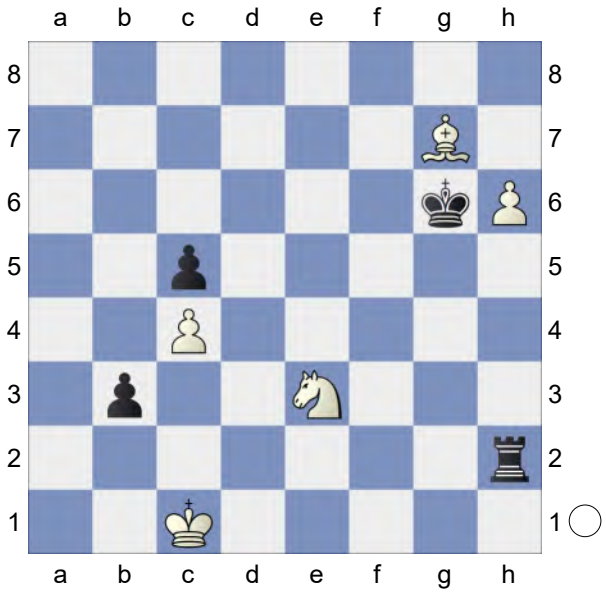
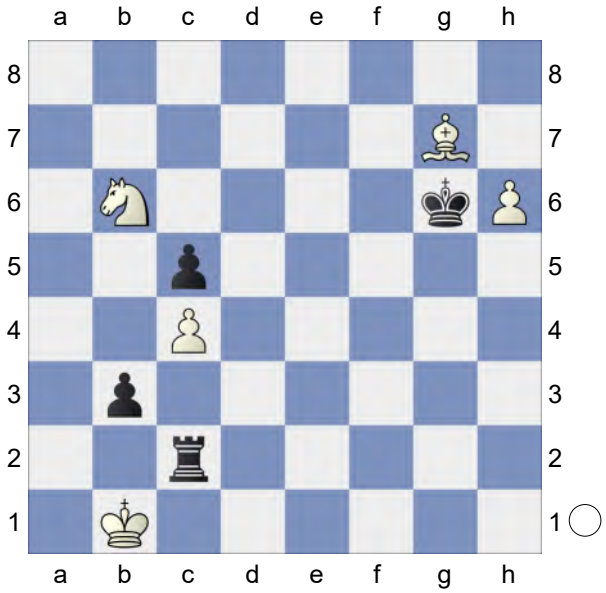


46.Ne3 Rh3! 47.Kd2 Kg6 0.84/29
[47...Rh2+= 0.00/28 keeps the balance. 48.Kc1 Re2]
48.Nd1!± Kf5? 2.17/21
[48...Rf3= 0.18/25]
49.Kc1? 0.16/24
[49.Bf8!+- 2.17/21]
49...Rh2!= 50.Ne3+ Kg6

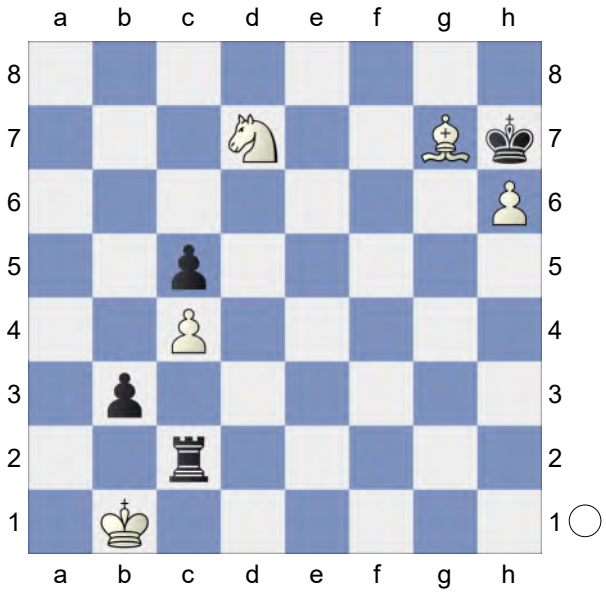


51.Kb1 Kh7? 2.08/33
[51...Re2= 0.05/32]
52.Nd5? 0.06/32
[White has to play 52.Bf8!+- 2.08/33]
52...Rh4 53.Nb6 Rh2 54.Bf8 Rc2

55.Bg7 Kg6? 4.80/27
[55...Kg8= 0.00/31 and Black has nothing to worry.]

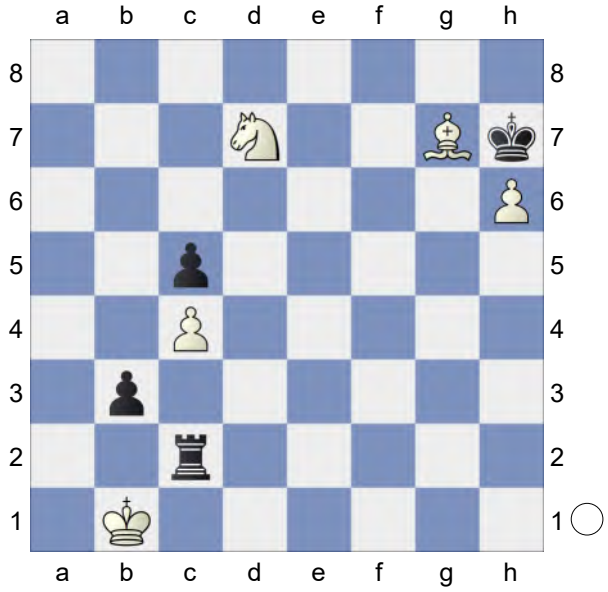


56.Nd7+- Kh7!= 6.63/31
[⌓56...Kf7 4.42/23 57.Be5 *(57.Nxc5 Rxc4 58.Nxb3 Rg4=)* 57...Kg6]



57.Ne5! 0.07/32
[57.Nxc5 Rxc4 58.Nd7 *(58.Nxb3 Rg4=)* 58...Rh4=]
[57.Nf8+!+- 6.63/31 Kg8 58.Be5 Kxf8 59.h7]

57...Re2 58.Ng4∓ 4.45/5 with a better position for Black.
[58.Nd7= 0.06/30 Rh2 59.Nf8+ *(59.Nxc5 Rc2=)* 59...Kg8 60.Nd7]
58...Rc2?+- 59.Nf6+∓ Kg6!? 60.Nd7 Kh7



61.Nb6? 0.00/34
[Stronger than 61.Nxc5 Rxc4 62.Nd7 *(62.Nxb3 Rc7=)* 62...Rh4=]
[61.Nf8+!+- 5.77/27 Kg8 62.Be5]
61...Kg6= The position is equal. **62.Bf8**
[62.Nd7 Ra2 63.Nf8+ *(63.Nxc5 Rc2+-)* 63...Kf7+-]
62...Kh7 63.Bxc5 Black is very passive here. A stronger move is **63...Kxh6 64.Bd6 Kg6 65.c5 Kf5**

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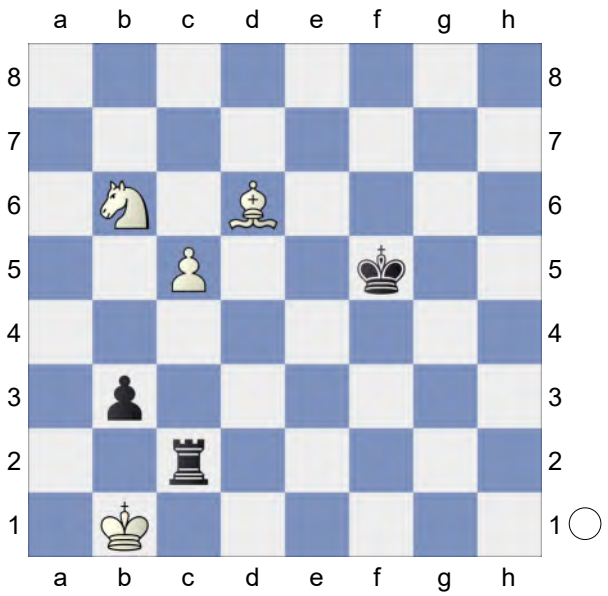
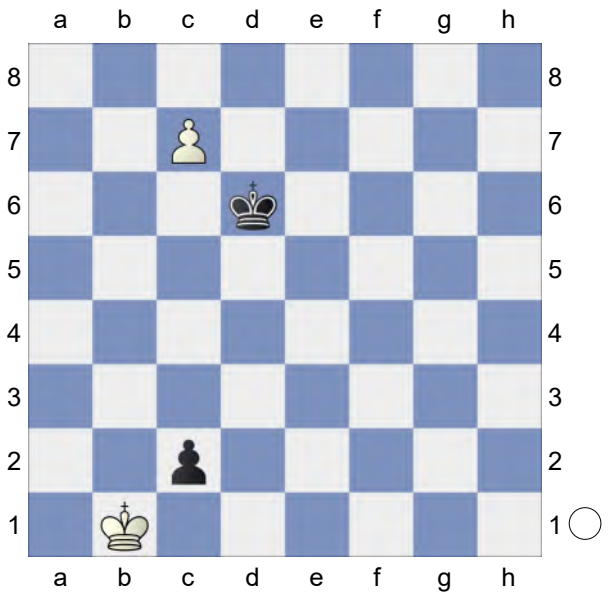


66.Nd5 Rd2± 67.c6!? but now Black takes on c7 and I guess Stocek wanted to have the open c-file for his rook. **67...Ke6** Double Attackwould fix Black's pawn chain, enabling White to blockade it. Then it will be time to improve with the pawn majority on the queenside: **68.c7+- Rc2!**

[68...Kxd5? is the wrong capture. 69.c8Q+- *(69.c8R Rc2=)*]

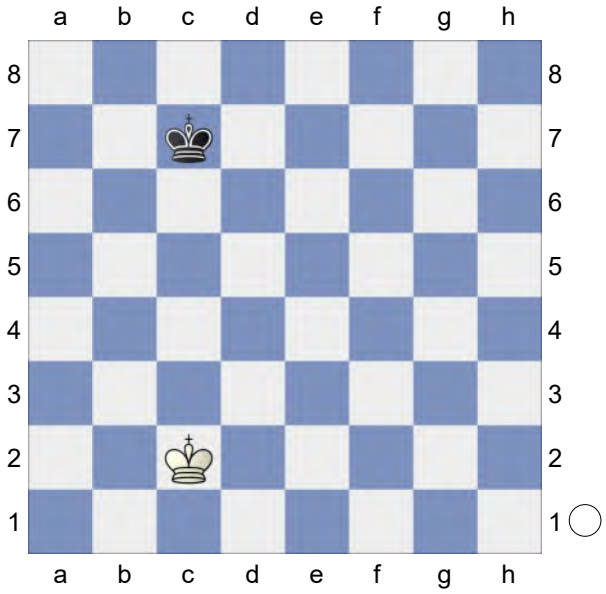
69.Ne3 Kxd6! To break Black's pawn chain. **70.Nxc2 bxc2+**



71.Kxc2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.48

71...Kxc7



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C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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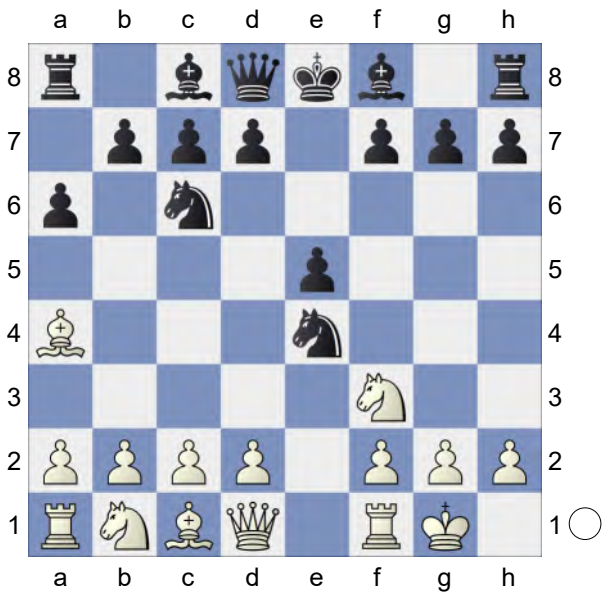
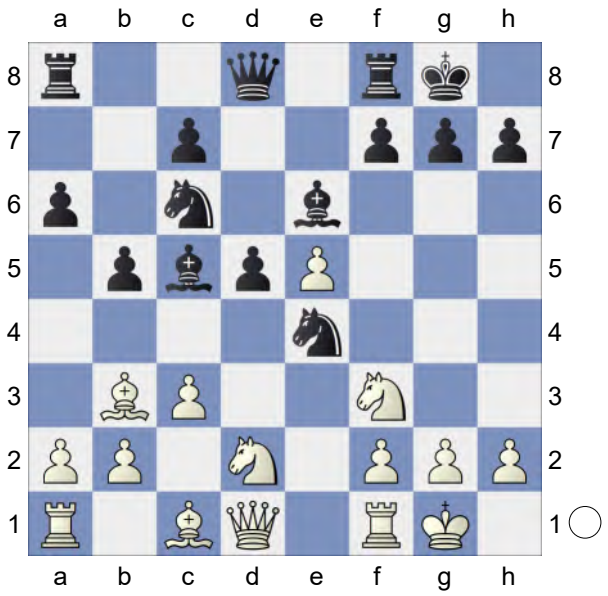


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

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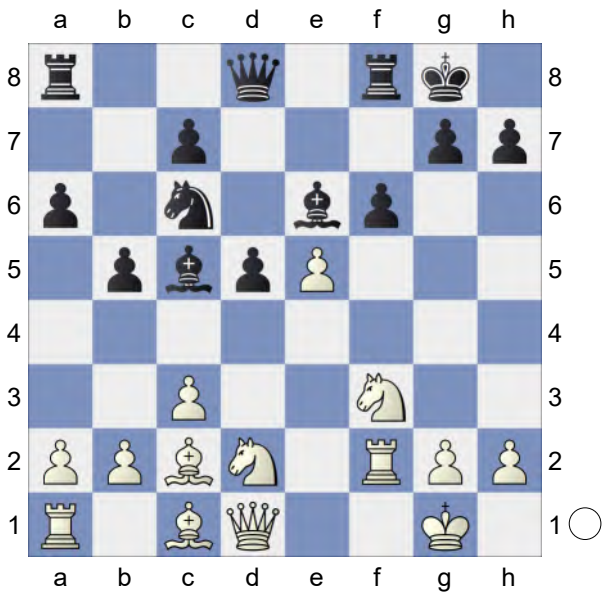
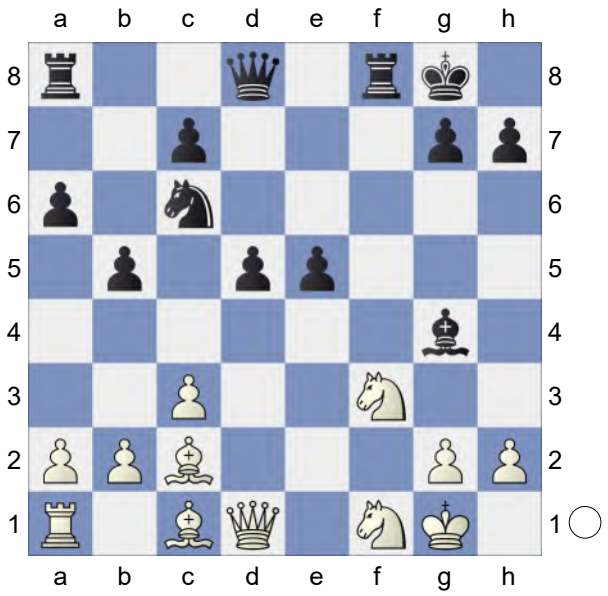


13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Bg4**



16.Ne3! White has compensation. **16...Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4**

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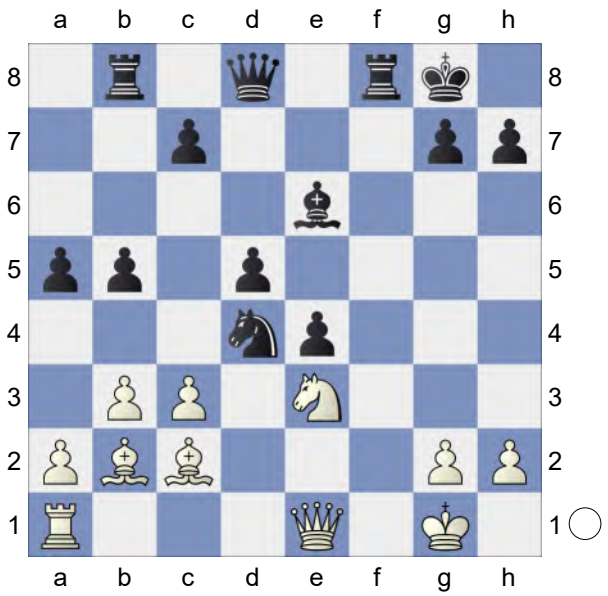
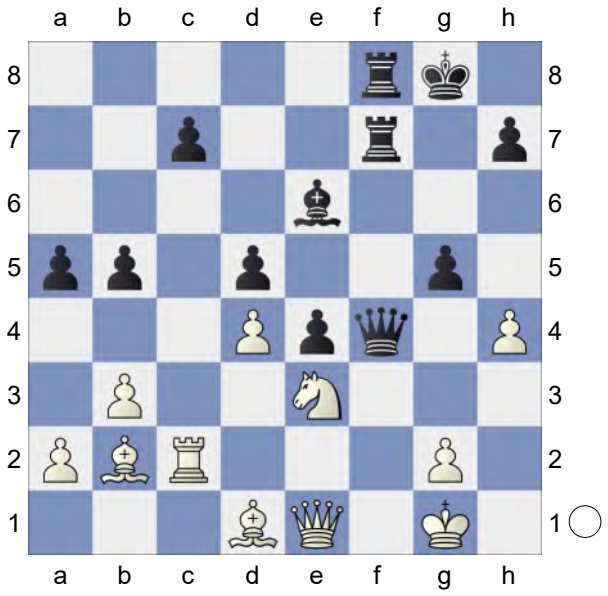
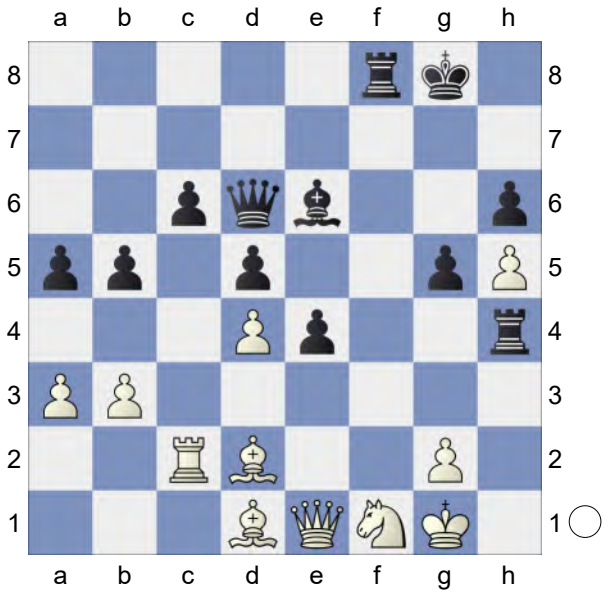


21.cxd4 Rf7N
[21...c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 28.Bd2 Rff8 29.h3 Ra8 30.Bxb4 Rxa6 31.Bxf8 Ra2 32.Bd6 Qxb3 33.Bh5 c5 34.Be5 cxd4 35.Bxd4 Qb8 36.Qc1 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]
22.Bd1 Qg5 23.Rc1 Rbf8 (-> ...Qxe3+!) **24.h4! Qf4 25.Rc2 g5**



26.h5 Qd6 27.Bc1 c6 28.a3 Rf4! 29.Bd2 Rh4 30.Nf1 Dodges Qh2+

30...h6



31.Be3 The board is on fire.
[31.Bxa5 Rxf1+ *(31...Qxa3? 32.Rxc6 Qe7 33.Ne3+-)* 32.Qxf1 Qh2+ *(32...Qxa3? 33.Qf6+-)* 33.Kf2 Rf4+ 34.Ke1 Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1 e3 *(35...Qh1+? 36.Kf2-+)* 36.Rxc6 Qh1+ 37.Ke2 Bg4+ *(37...Qxh5+? 38.Kxe3 Qxd1 39.Rxe6-+)* 38.Kxe3 Qg1+ *(38...Bxd1? 39.Rc8+ Kf7 40.Rc7+ Ke6 41.Kf2-+; 38...Qxh5? 39.Rc8+ Kf7 40.Rc7+ Ke8 41.Bc2-+; 38...Qxg2? 39.Bxg4 Qxg4 40.Rxh6-+)* 39.Kd3 Qxd1+-+]
31...Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Bd7 33.Kf2 0.39/17
[33.Qxa5?! Rh1+ 34.Bg1 e3 *(34...Qf4+? 35.Rf2+-)* 35.Qd8+ Kf7=]
[33.Bg1± 0.90/19]
33...Rh3 1.44/20

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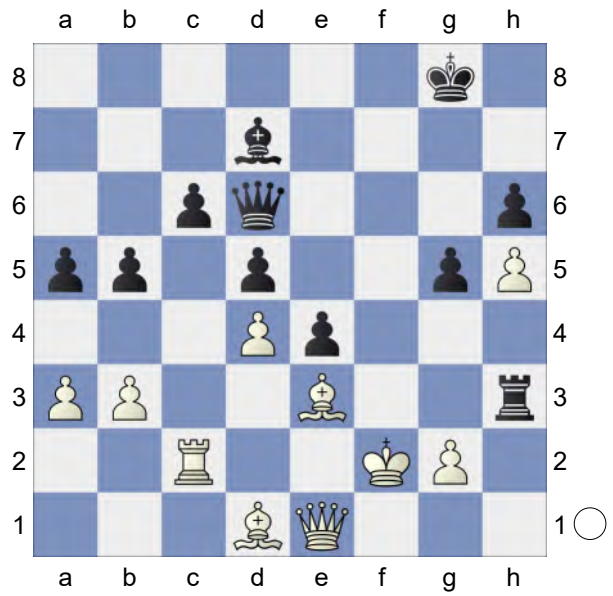
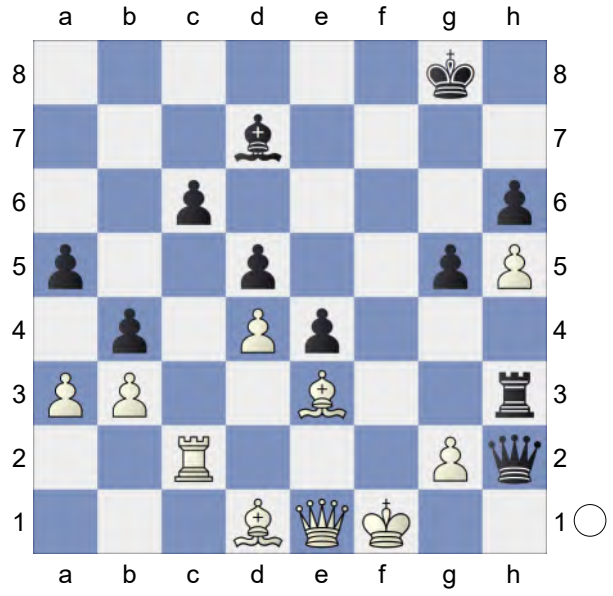
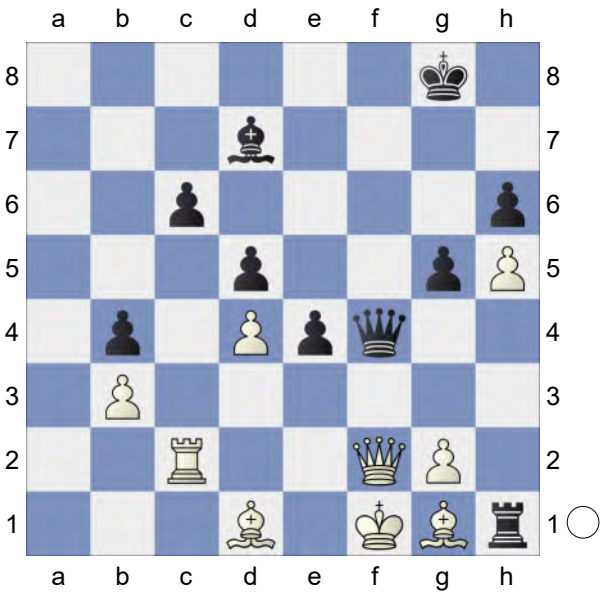


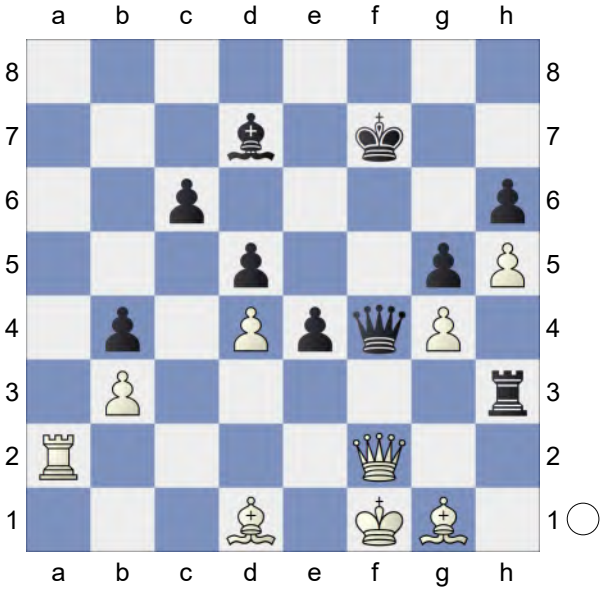
34.Kg1!± Qh2+ 35.Kf1 b4



36.Bg1!
[36.gxh3? Bxh3+]
36...Qf4+ 37.Rf2 Qc1 38.axb4
[38.gxh3?! Bxh3+ 39.Rg2 Qf4+ 40.Qf2 bxa3±]
38...Rh1 ...Bg4! would now be deadly.
39.Rc2
[39.bxa5 c5 40.g4 Bxg4 *(40...cxd4? 41.Kg2+-; 40...e3? 41.Rc2+-)* 41.Bxg4 *(41.Kg2 Bxd1 42.Re2 Rh4=)* 41...Rxg1+ 42.Kxg1 Qxe1+ 43.Kg2 Qxa5 *(43...cxd4 44.a6±)* 44.Be6+ Kh8 45.Rf8+ Kh7=]
39...Qf4+ 1.44/18
[⌓39...Qb1 1.03/20]
40.Qf2 axb4



41.Ra2 Kf7 42.g4 Rh3



43.Bh2! Pin **43...Qxf2+ 44.Rxf2+ Ke6 45.Bg1 Rd3**

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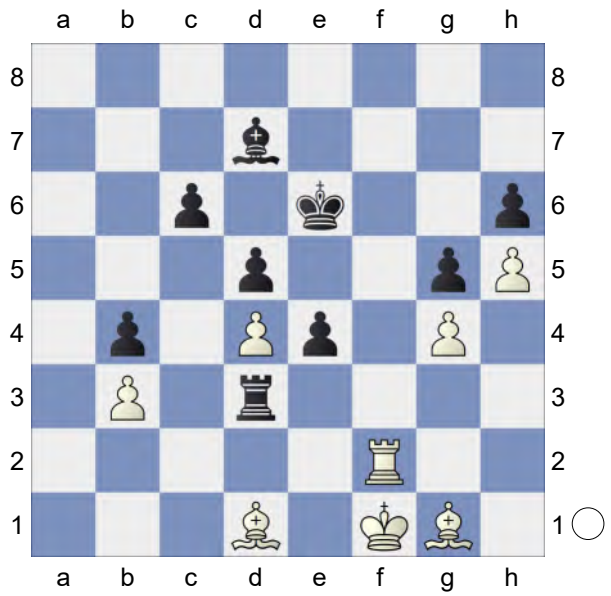
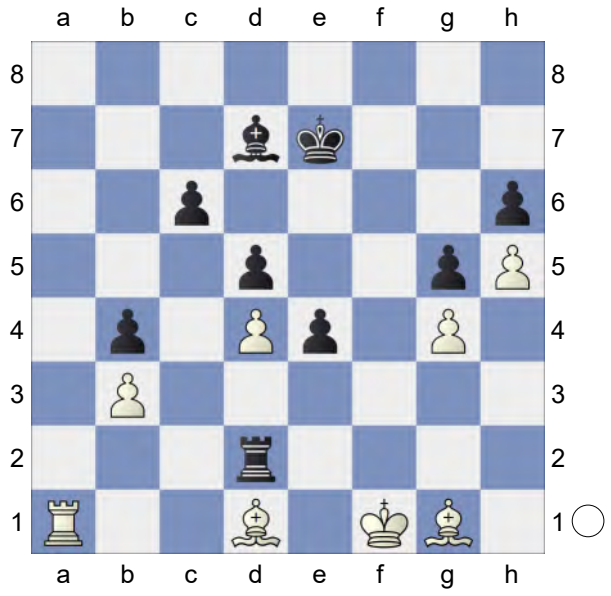
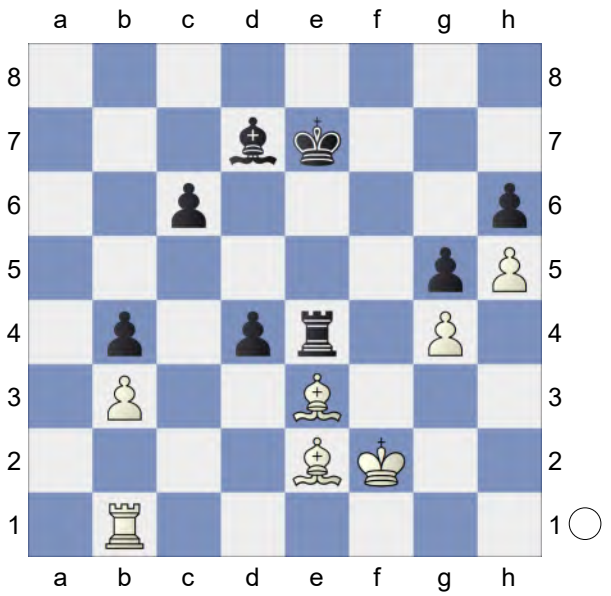


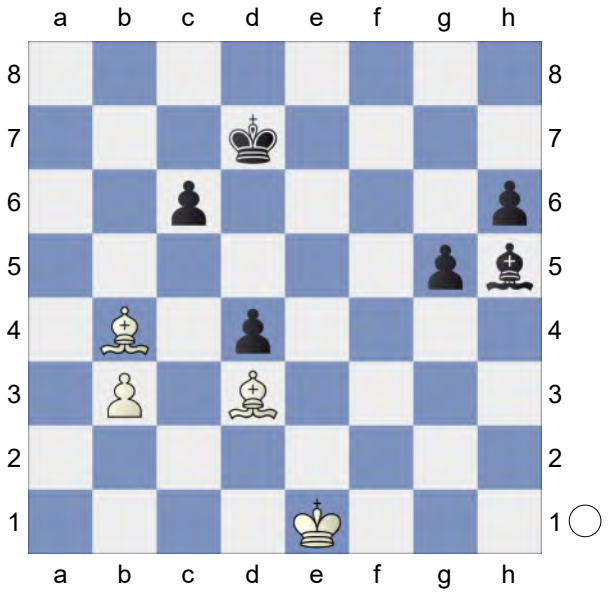
46.Ke1 Ke7 47.Ra2 Rh3 1.75/23
[47...Rg3± 1.39/21 48.Bh2 Re3+ 49.Re2 Rh3]
48.Ra7 Rg3 49.Kf1 Rd3 50.Ra1 Rd2 2.00/23
[⌓50...e3 1.63/20 51.Bf3 Rxb3]



51.Bf2 Rd3 1.99/20
[51...Ke6± 1.57/21 52.Ke1 Rd3]
52.Rb1+- e3 2.48/20
[52...Rh3 1.90/20 was worth a try. 53.Kg2 Rd3]
53.Be2 Rxd4 54.Bxe3 Re4 55.Kf2 d4



56.Bd2 Bxg4 57.Bd3
[57.Bxb4+ Ke6 58.Bc4+ Kf6]
57...Re5 58.Bxb4+ Kd7 59.Re1 Rxe1 60.Kxe1
[But not 60.Bxe1?! Bxh5 61.Ba5 c5±]
60...Bxh5



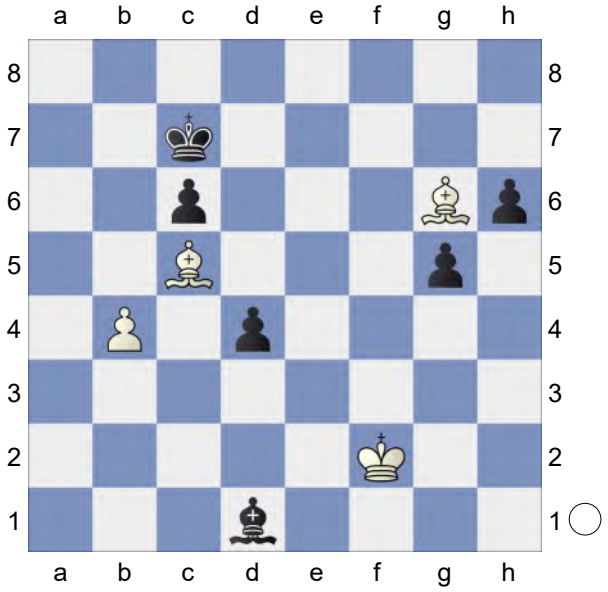
61.Bf5+ Kc7 62.Bc5 Bf7 63.b4 Kd2! would now be deadly.
[63.Bxd4 Bxb3 64.Bg6 g4±]
63...Bd5? 3.81/21
[63...h5 2.13/18 64.Bxd4 Kd6]
64.Bg6

[64.Bxd4 Kb7 65.Bg7 Kb6 66.Bxh6 c5+-]

64...Bf3 65.Kf2

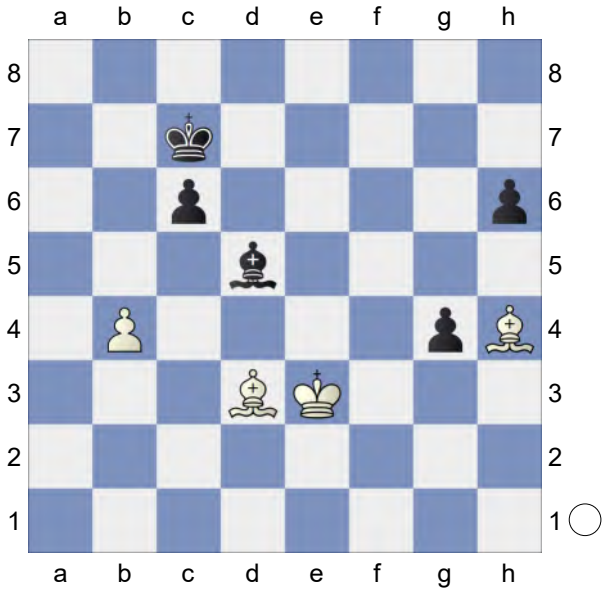
[Weaker is 65.Bxd4 Bg4 66.Kd2 h5+-]

65...Bd1



66.Bxd4 Kd6 67.Ke3 Kc7 68.Bf6

White is clearly winning. **68...g4 69.Bh4 Bb3 70.Bd3 Bd5**



71.Kd4 Bf3 72.Kc5 Kc8 73.Ba6+ Kd7 74.Bb7 Kc7

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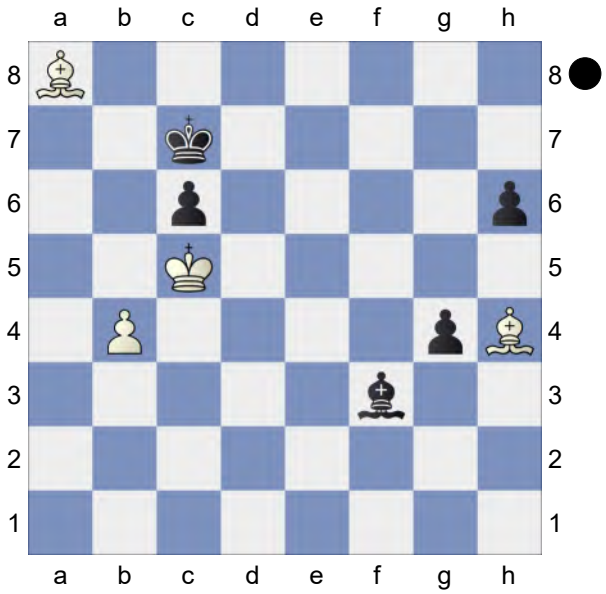
75.Ba8



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62 **C82**

□ **Yan,Tianqi** **2207**

■ **Bai,Jinshi** **2618**

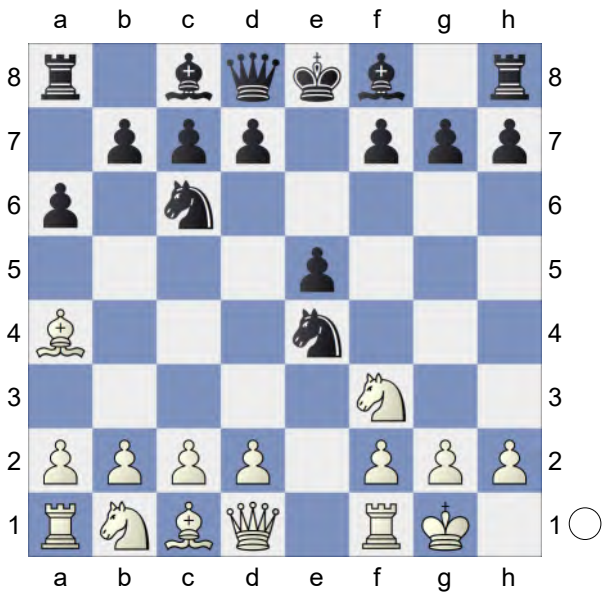
China Zonal 3.5 2021 (1.1) 23.05.2021

[Kitty Kat]

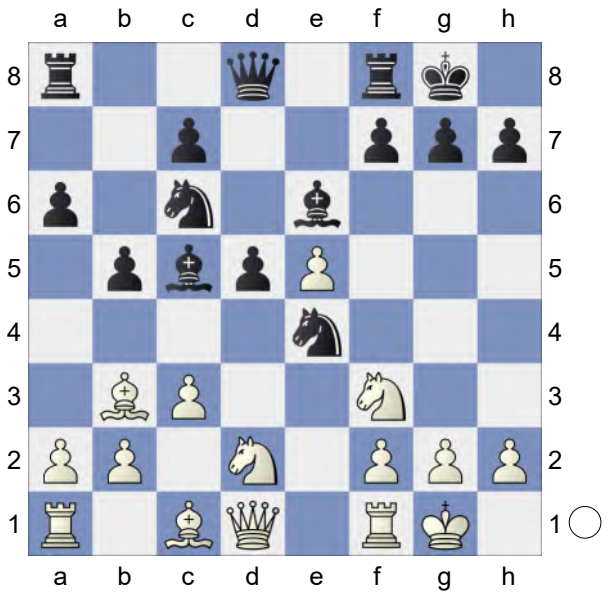
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

Chekhov,V: 'Inf 30/279' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

(Diagram)



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Kg1 Rae8

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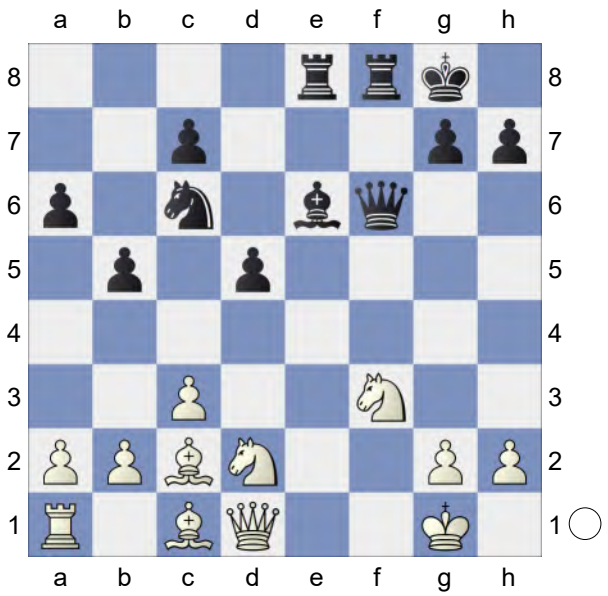
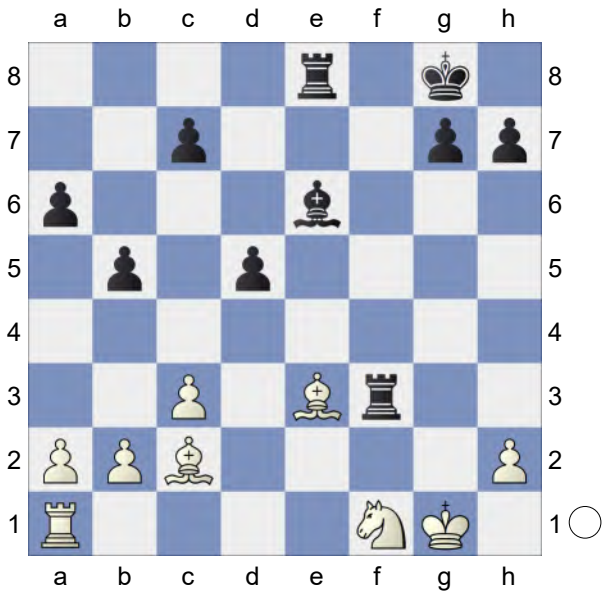
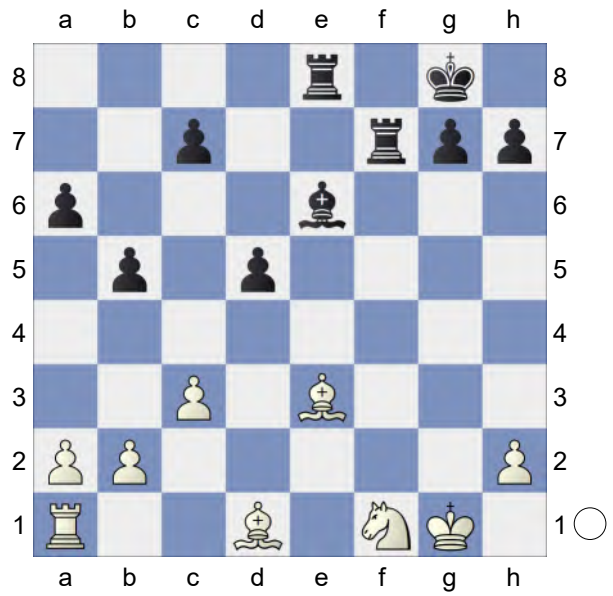


16.Nf1 Ne5 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3



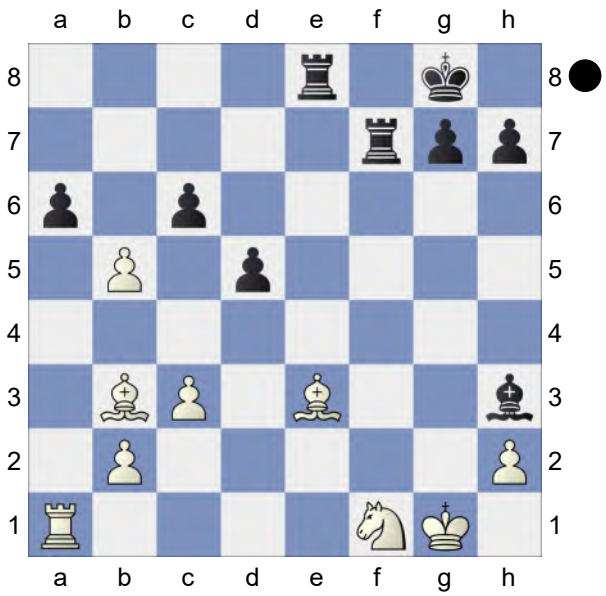
20.Bd1 This pair of bishops is nice.
20...Rf7

(Diagram)

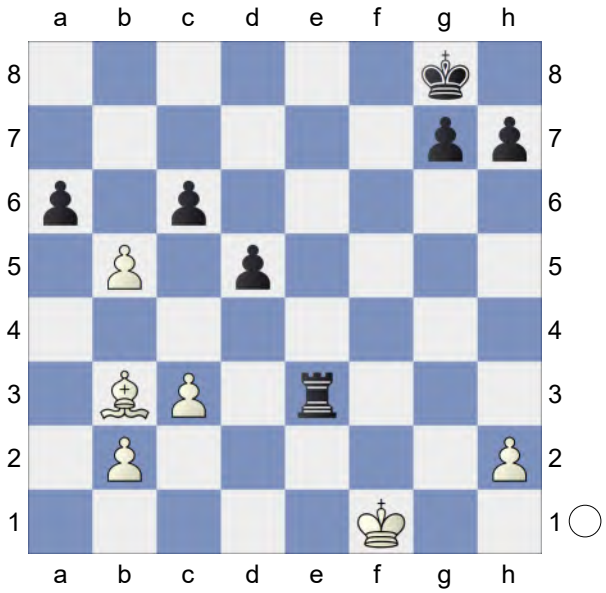


21.Bb3
[21.Bc5 Bh3 22.Bb3 c6 23.Ne3 Re5 24.a4 bxa4 25.Bxa4 d4 26.Bxd4 Rg5+ 27.Kh1 c5 28.Bb3 cxd4 29.cxd4 Bc8 C 82/10 2000]
21...c6 22.a4N -1.19/18
[22.Bc5∓ -0.40/18]
[22.Ng3 Bh3 23.Bd4 g6 24.Bc2 Re6 25.Bd3 h5 26.Bf1 Bxf1 27.Rxf1 h4 28.Rxf7 Kxf7 29.Nf1 Re2 30.b4 Rxa2 31.h3 Ke6 32.Ne3 a5 33.bxa5 Rxa5 34.Kf2 Kd6 35.Bf6 Ra4 36.Ke2 b4 0-1 (43) Peters,T (2565)-Prystenski,A (2410) Calcutta op 1993 37.cxb4 Rxb4 38.Ng4 Rb3 39.Nf2 c5 40.Bxh4 d4 41.Bg5 c4 42.h4 Kd5 43.Nh3 0-1 Peters,T-Prystenski,A 71/284 Kazan 1997]
22...Bh3∓ and ...Bxf1 should not be overlooked. Black is more active. White does not recover from this.
23.axb5? -2.71/28
[23.Bc5∓ -1.12/19]

(Diagram)



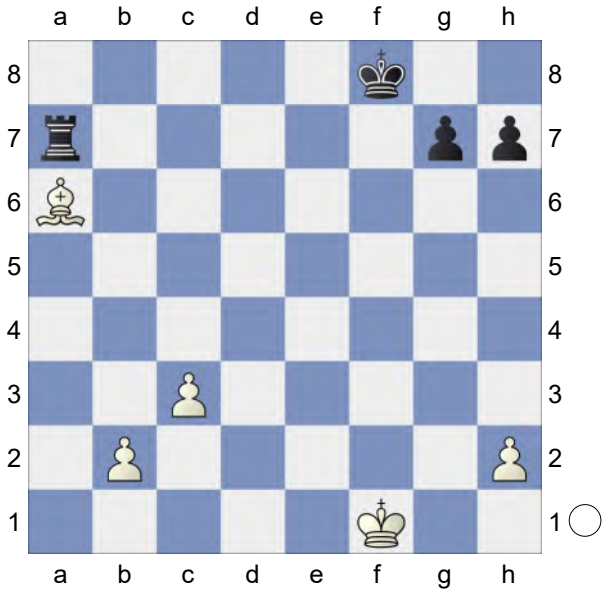
23...Rxf1+ -1.48/5
[23...axb5 24.Bc5∓]
[23...Bxf1-+ -2.71/28 24.Rxf1 Rxe3 25.bxc6 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Kf8]
24.Rxf1 Bxf1 25.Kxf1 Rxe3



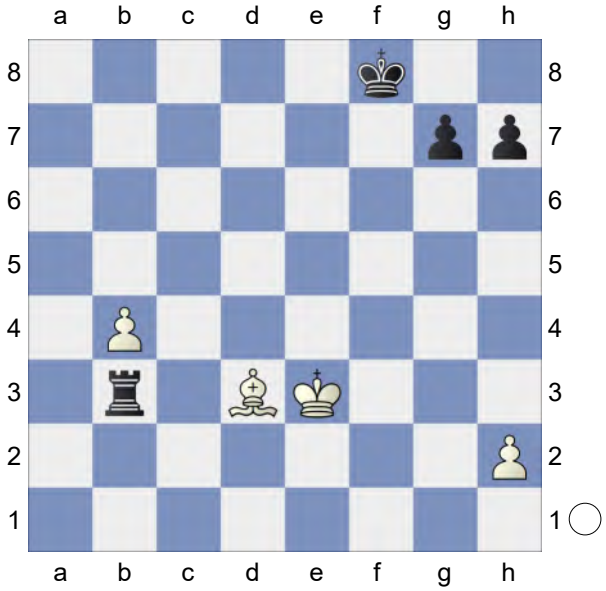
26.bxc6 -2.65/23 Endgame KR-KB
[26.bxa6∓ -1.41/22 Re7 27.Ba4 Rf7+ 28.Ke2]
26...Kf8 27.c7? -4.27/16
[27.Bxd5 -2.43/22 was necessary. Ke7 28.c7 *(28.Kf2? Rd3-+)*]
27...Re8-+ Black is clearly winning.
[Wrong is 27...Rf3+? 28.Ke2 Rf6

29.c8Q++- *(29.c8R+ Ke7+-)*]

28.Bxd5 Rc8 29.Bb7 Rxc7 30.Bxa6 Ra7



31.Be2 Ra1+ 32.Kf2 Rb1 33.b4 Rb3 34.Ke3 Rxc3+ 35.Bd3 Rb3



36.b5 Ke7 37.Kd4 h6 38.Bf1 Kd6 39.Ke4 Rb1 40.Bd3 Rh1

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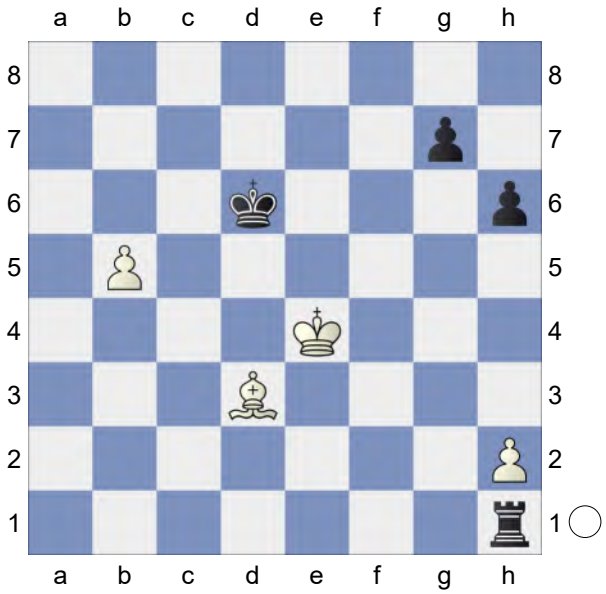

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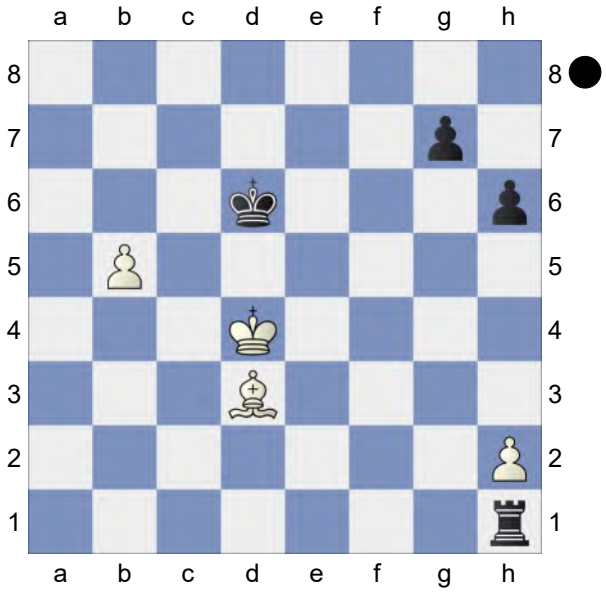
41.Kd4



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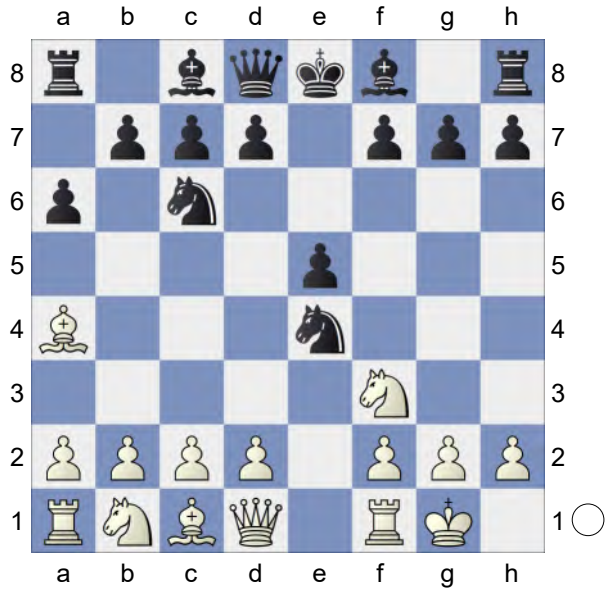
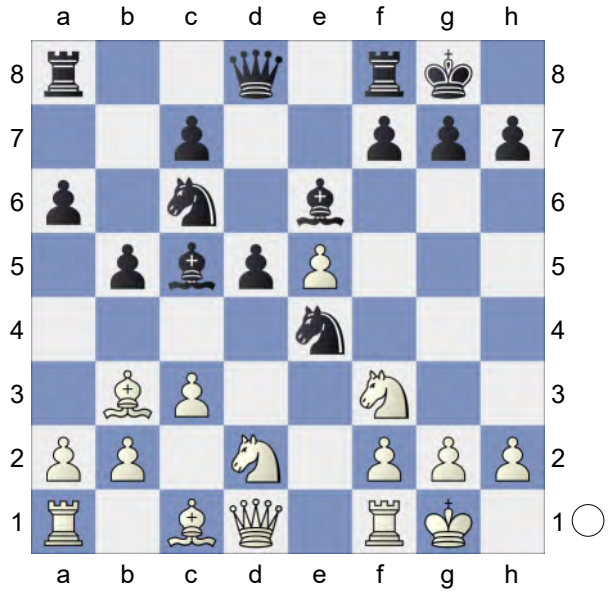
63 **C82**
□ **Harshad,S** **2202**
■ **Sattarov,Bobir** **2389**
Benidorm Open A 2022 (4.7) 06.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

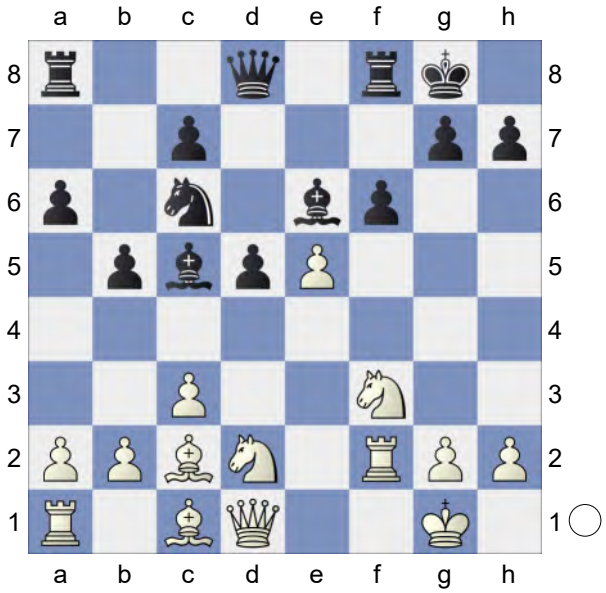
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 0.72/19
[12...Bxf2+± 0.32/22
is more appropriate. 13.Kxf2 Bg4]



13.Nf1! 0.33/18 is recently more successful than 13.exf6.ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 13.exf6. **13...Bxf2+± 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1** Strongly threatening Bxh7+!. White has an edge.
15...Qd7
[15...Bg4 16.Ne3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ne7 18.Qd3 g6 19.Ng4 Nf5 20.Nxe5 Qd6 21.f4 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 d4 23.Bb3+ Kg7 24.cxd4 Qxd4 25.Bd2 Qxd3 26.Nxd3 Rfd8 27.Bc3+ Nd4 28.Re1 Kf6 29.Re4 Kf5 30.Rxd4 ½-½ (88) Winkler,T (2670)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2552) 8th ch-Euro Dresden GER 2007 (4.1)]

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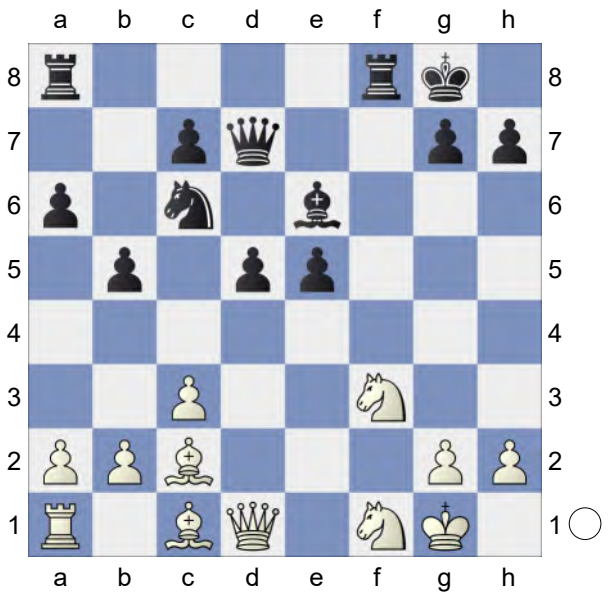
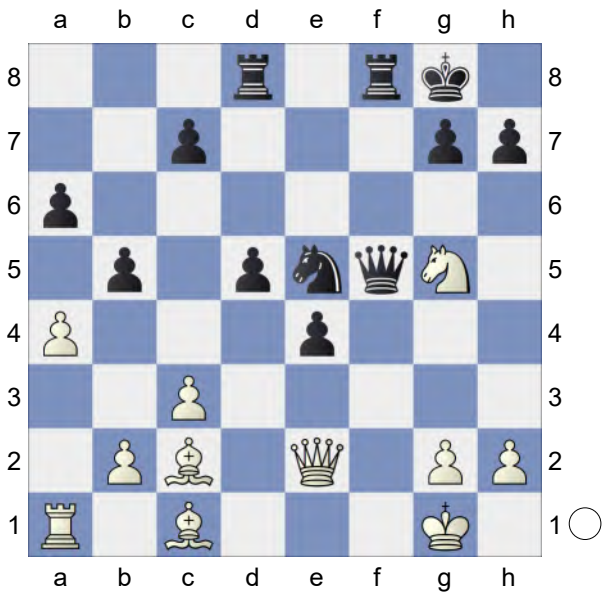
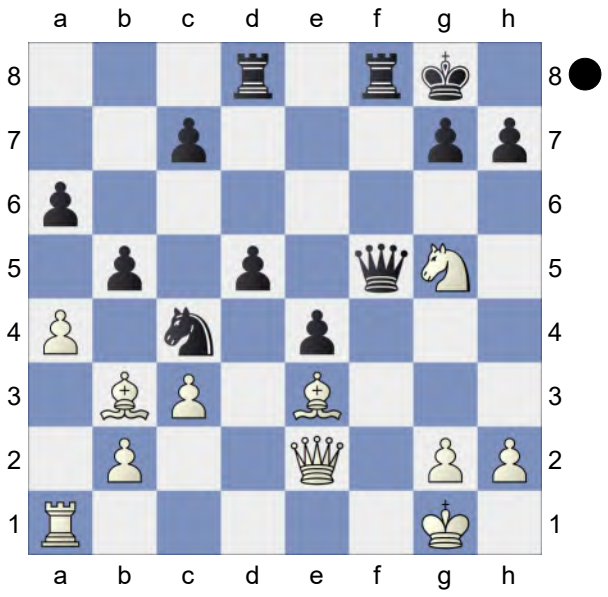


16.Ng5N
[16.Ne3 d4 17.Ng5 dxe3 18.Nxe6 Qxd1+ 19.Bxd1 Rf7 20.Bxe3 Na5 21.a4 Nc4 22.Bc5 Re8 23.axb5 axb5 24.Bf3 h6 25.Bd5 Kh8 26.b3 Nd2 27.Rd1 c6 28.Bxc6 Rxe6 29.Bd5 Rd7 30.Bxe6 Nf3+ 1-0 (55) 4. ♘c3 a6 5. ♘e5_39171 (2411)-Oms Pallisse,J (2522) 49/454 Palma de Mallorca 1989 (3)]
16...Bf5 17.a4N -0.43/21
[Vorgänger: 17.Bxf5 Rxf5 18.Ng3 Rff8 19.Be3 h6 20.Nf3 Rad8 21.Bc5 Rf7 22.Qe2 e4 23.Ne1 0-1 (41) Licznerski,L (2450)-Kucza,K (2305) Bydgoszcz 2022]
[17.Bb3= 0.19/21 Ne7 18.Nf3]
17...Rad8 18.Ng3 e4 19.Nxf5 Qxf5 20.Qe2 -1.00/18 Against Qf2+
[20.Be3= 0.00/19 remains equal.]
20...Ne5∓

(Diagram)

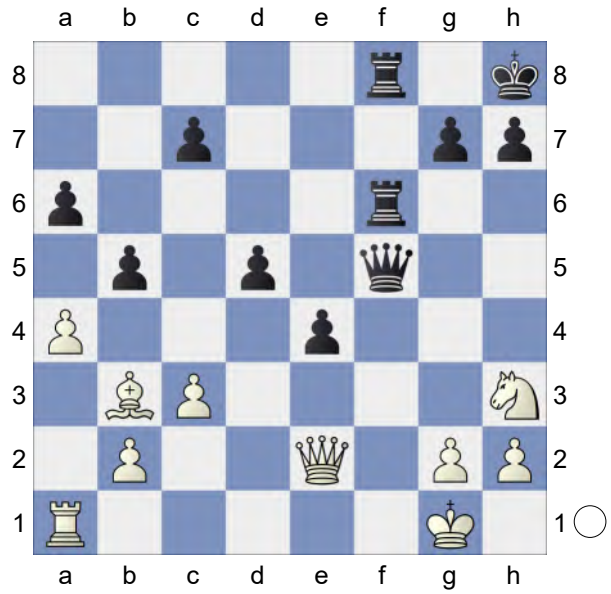


21.Be3 Nc4 22.Bb3 -1.48/19
[Better is 22.h4 -1.05/20 Nxe3 *(22...Nxb2 23.Bc5=)* 23.Qxe3]



22...Nxe3! 23.Qxe3 Kh8 24.Nh3 -1.62/19
[24.axb5∓ -1.00/18 axb5 25.Nh3]
24...Rd6 -0.84/20
[Black should play 24...Rb8-+ -1.62/19 ...bxa4 would now be deadly. 25.Qd4 bxa4 26.Bxd5 e3]
25.Qe2 -1.71/19
[25.axb5∓ -0.84/20 axb5 26.Nf4]

25...Rdf6-+



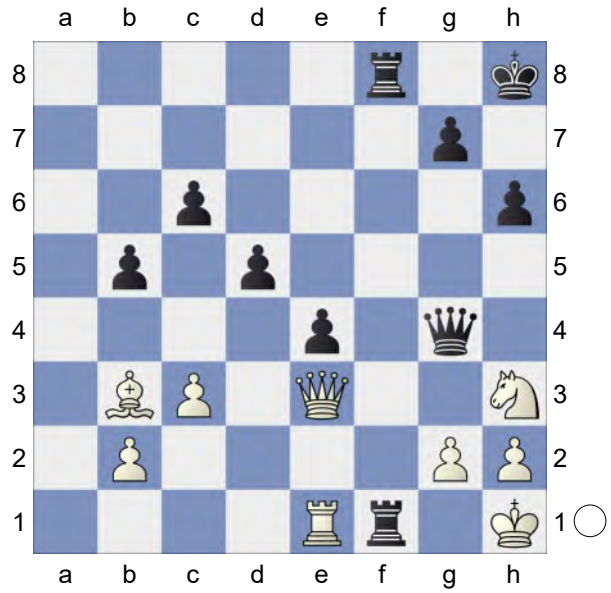
26.axb5 axb5 27.Rd1 c6 28.Kh1 -2.98/20

[28.Re1 -1.95/18 is a better defense.]

28...h6 29.Qe3 Qg4 30.Re1 -6.57/17

[30.Rg1 -2.52/18]

30...Rf1+



Black is clearly winning. **31.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 32.Ng1 Qf4 33.Qxf4 Rxf4 34.Bd1 Rf1 35.Bg4 Rb1**

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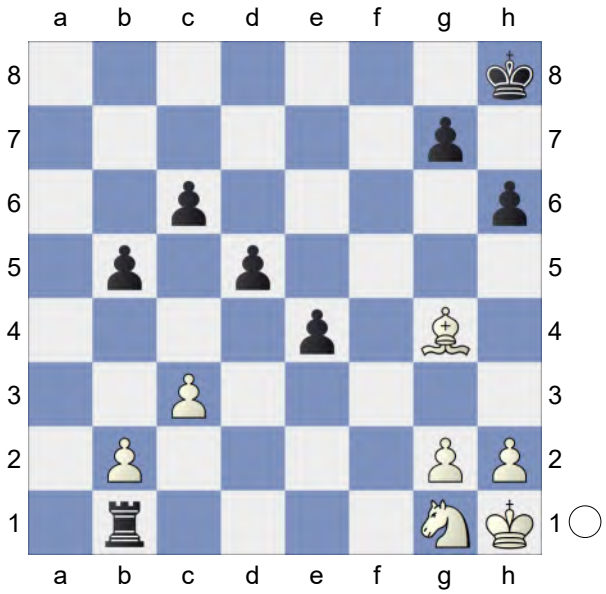
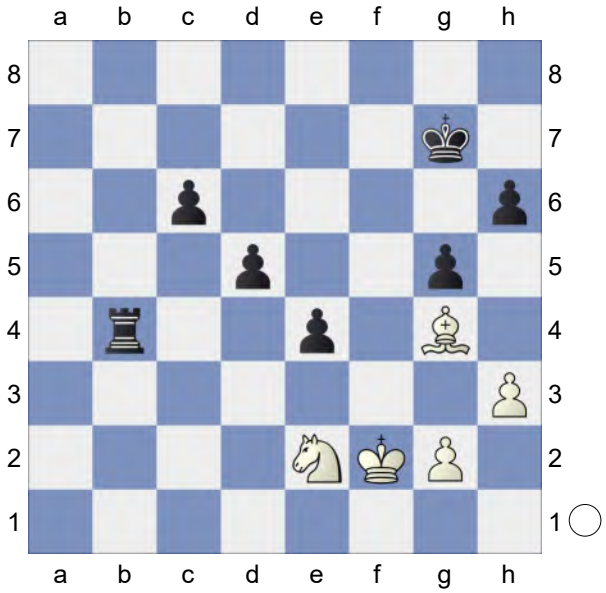


36.h3 Rxb2 37.Ne2 g5 38.Kg1 b4 39.cxb4 Rxb4 40.Kf2 Kg7



41.Bd7 Rc4 42.Ke3 Kf6 43.Nd4 Rc3+ 44.Ke2 c5 45.Nf5 Rc2+

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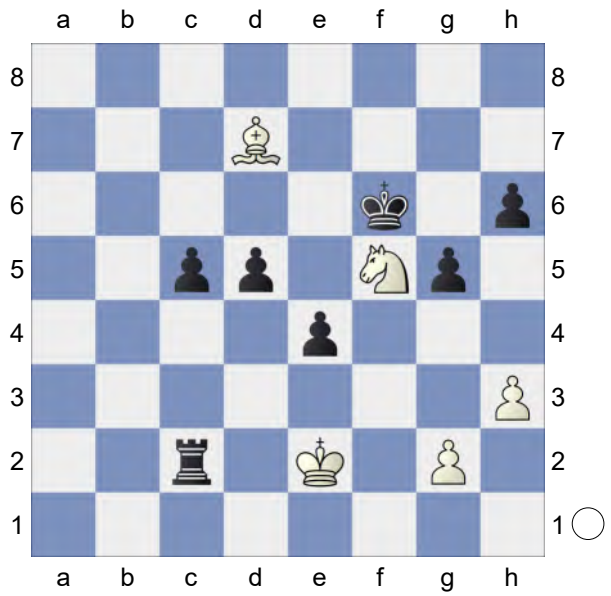

46.Ke1 Ke5 47.g4 d4 48.Ba4 Rh2 49.Nxh6 d3 50.Nf5

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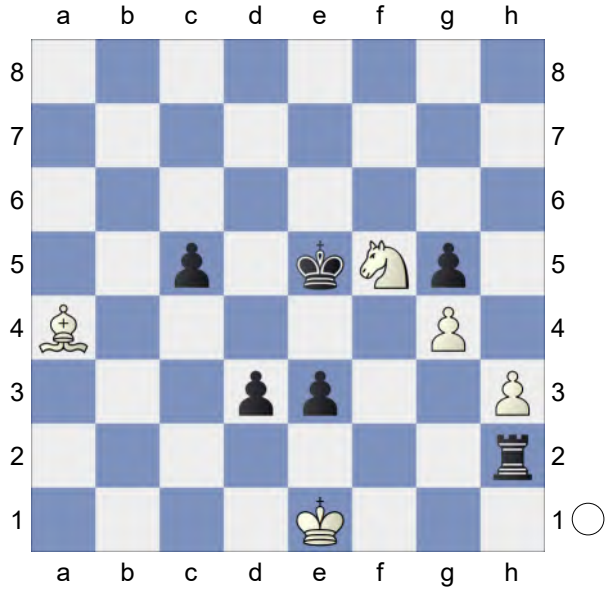
50...e3



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64 **C82**

□ **Acs,Peter** **2500**

■ **Beliavsky,Alexander G** **2645**

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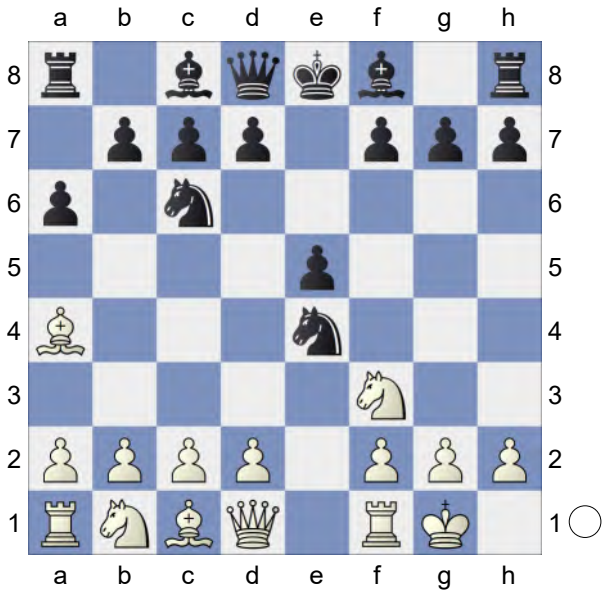
[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

'Kaidanov,G: 'Inf 71/356' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Mikhalevski,V: 'Kaidanov,G: 'Inf 71/356'"' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**



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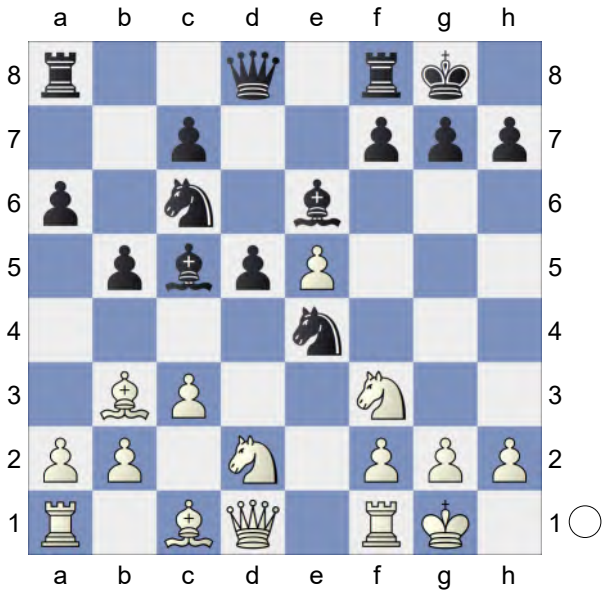
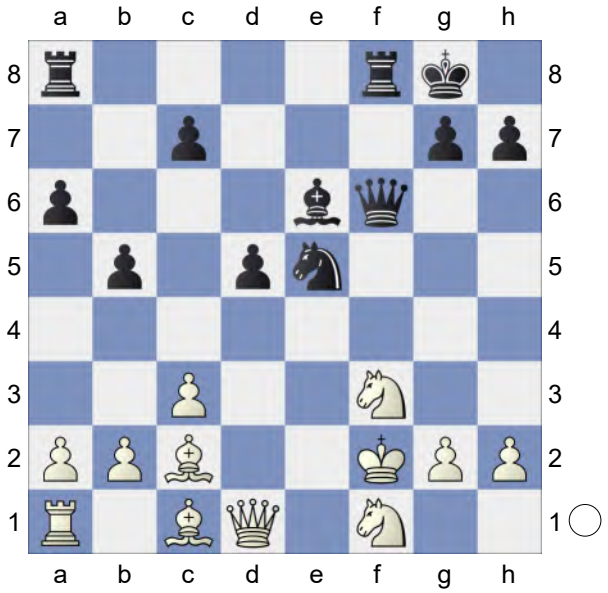


11.Bc2 Nxf2!? 12.Rxf2!?N f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+?! 14.Kxf2!⩲ Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

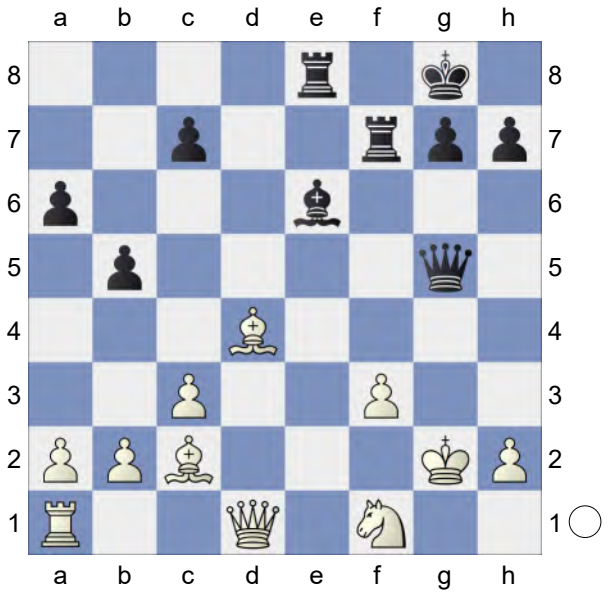


16.Be3! Rae8 17.Bc5! Nxf3 18.gxf3± Rf7 19.Kg2 Really sharp! **19...d4** The position is equal. **20.Bxd4!** This pair of bishops is nice.

[20.Qxd4? Qxf3+ 21.Kg1 Bd5-+]

20...Qg5+

(Diagram)



21.Kh1

[21.Ng3 Hoping for h4!. c5! 22.Bf2 Rxf3! 23.Kxf3 -0.85/18 *(23.Be4!=* -0.15/20 remains equal. *Bh3+ 24.Kxh3 Rxf2 25.Qd5+ Qxd5 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.b3)* 23...Bg4+∓ 24.Kg2 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 g6 26.a4 Re2 27.h4 Rxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qxh4 29.Kg2 Qg5 30.axb5 axb5 31.Be4 Qe3 ½-½ Kudrin,S (2535)-Kaidanov,G (2600) USA-ch G2 Chandler 1997 (5)]

21...Bd5 22.Bb3!

[22.Nd2? -2.38/22 22.Bb3 0.00 Rxf3]

22...c5 23.Be3N

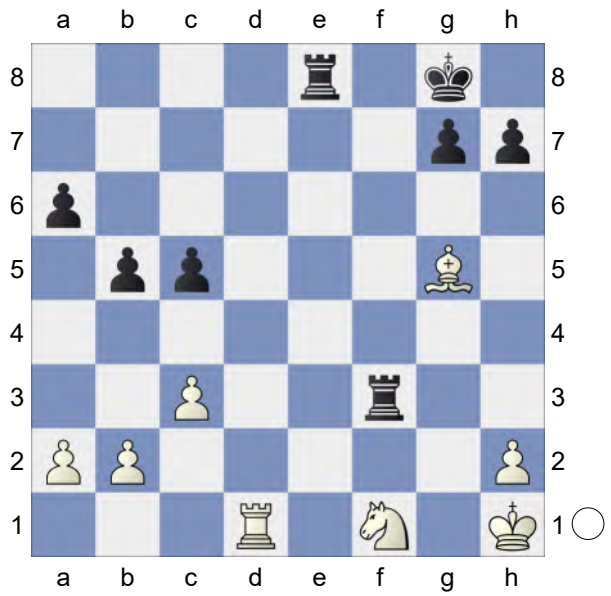
[23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Bg1 Qc6 25.Kg2 Ref8 26.Ne3 Rd7 27.Qe2 Rd2 0-1 Flores,D-Papp,G World Junior Championship, Athens 2001]

23...Bxb3!→ Black mounts an attack.

[23...Rxe3? 24.Bxd5 Ree7 25.Bxf7+ Rxf7 26.Qd3+-]

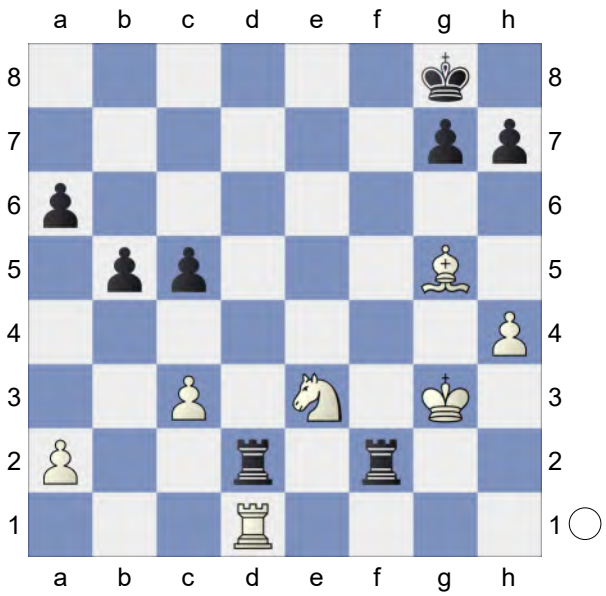
24.Bxg5 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Rxf3

(Diagram)

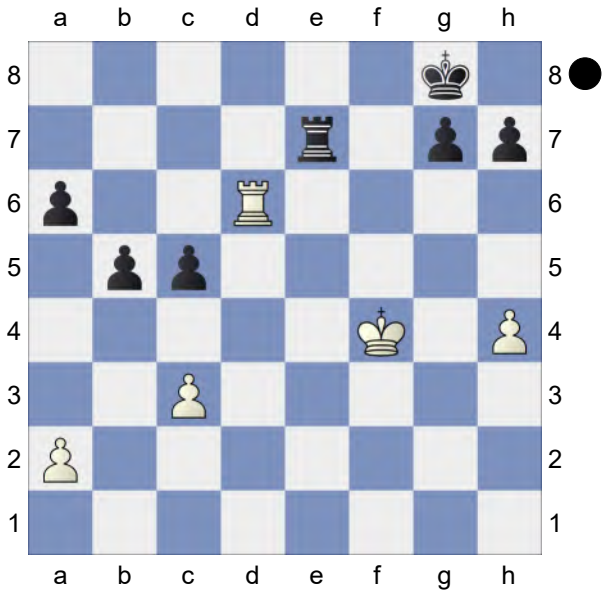


26.Kg2 Dodges Rf2+ **26...Rf5** Black has compensation. **27.h4**
[27.Be3⩲ Rxf1 28.Kxf1 Rxe3 29.Rd6 Rf3+ 30.Kg2 Rf6]
[27.Be3 Rxf1! 28.Kxf1 Rxe3]
27...Re2+ 28.Kh3 -0.73/21
[28.Kg3= -0.14/21]
28...Rxb2∓ 29.Ne3! -1.96/19
[29.Ng3!∓ -0.41/20 Rf8 30.Be3]
29...Rff2 -1.39/16
[29...Rf7!-+ -1.96/19 30.Nd5 *(30.Rd8+ Rf8∓)* 30...h6 *(30...Rxa2 31.Ne7+ Rxe7 32.Bxe7=)*]
30.Kg3
[30.Rd8+? -3.39/18 30.Nd5 -0.90 Rf8]
30...Rbd2
[30...Rxa2 31.Be7∓]

(Diagram)

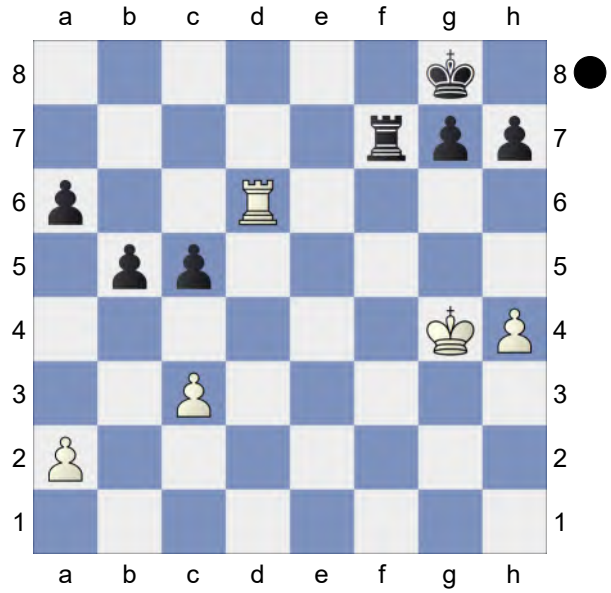


This costs White the game. **31.Be7?** -3.39/20
[31.Rc1∓ -1.40/18]
31...Rfe2
[31...Rxa2 32.Rd8+ Kf7 33.Bxc5±]
32.Rxd2 Rxe3+ 33.Kf4 Rxe7-+ Endgame KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **34.Rd6** -2.73/20
[34.Rd5 -1.99/18 was necessary.]

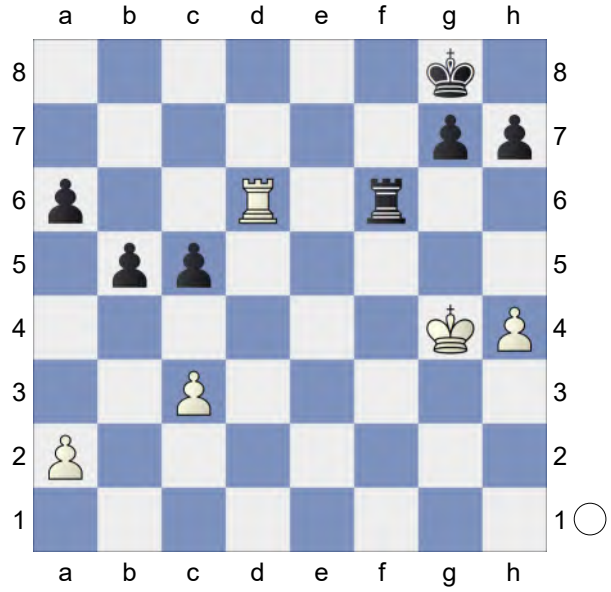


34...Rf7+! 35.Kg4?
[35.Ke5 -3.67/18 35.Ke3 -2.56 Rf6 36.Rxf6+- -8.50/16 *(⌓36.Rd8+*

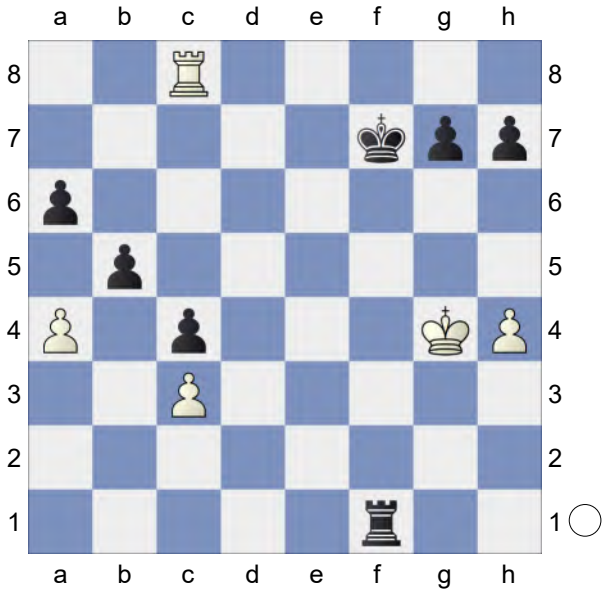
-3.41/16 *Kf7 37.Rd7+ Kg6 38.Kd5)*
36...gxf6+-+ 37.Kxf6 b4 38.cxb4
and ♕h7# c4]



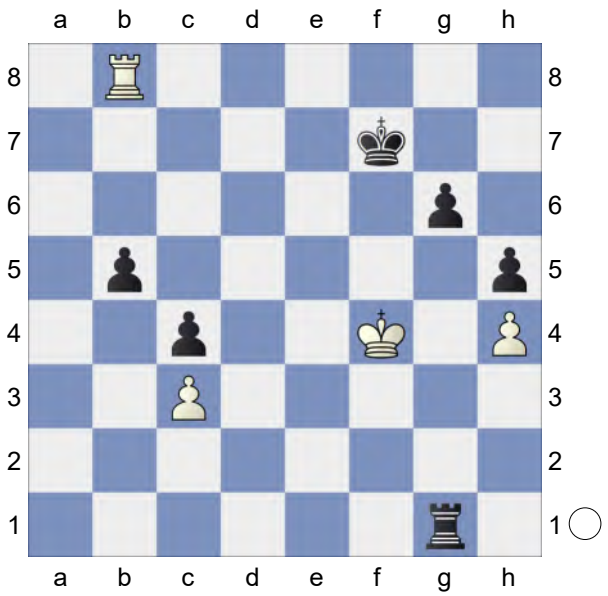
35...Rf6!



36.Rd8+ -4.43/20
[⌓36.Rd5 -2.91/19]
36...Kf7 37.Rc8 c4 38.a4? Rg6+
[38...bxa4 39.Rxc4 Rg6+ 40.Kf3∓]
39.Kf5
[39.Kf4→ h5?]
39...Rf6+
[Inferior is 39...bxa4 40.Rc7+ Ke8
41.Rxc4=]
40.Kg4 Rf1
[40...bxa4 41.Rxc4 Rg6+ 42.Kh3∓]



41.axb5
[41.Rc7+ -4.60/20 41.Ra8 -3.27 Ke6
(41...Kg6 42.Rc6+ Rf6 43.h5+)
42.Rc6+ -6.88/21 *(42.axb5+- axb5 43.Rb7 Kd5 44.Rxb5+→ Ke4; ⌓42.axb5* -4.90/21 *axb5 43.Rb7)*
42...Kd5-+ 43.Rxa6 b4 *(43...bxa4* Δ 0-0-0 *44.Rxa4? Rc1 45.Ra7 Ke4 46.Rd7)* 44.Ra5+ Ke4→ 45.cxb4? c3! 46.Rc5 Rg1+ 47.Kh5 Kd3+-
White must now prevent ...c2. 48.a5? c2! 49.a6 c1Q+- ⌓50.Rxc1 Δ 0-0-0 Rxc1 51.b5 Ra1]
41...axb5 42.Rb8 Rb1 43.Kf5 g6+
44.Kg5 -5.77/20
[⌓44.Ke5 -3.79/20]
44...Rg1+ Black is clearly winning.
45.Kf4
[45.Kh6!= Rg4 46.Rb7+ Kf6 Δ ♖c4
47.Rb6+± Kf5 48.Rxb5+ Ke4
49.Kxh7 Rxh4+ Δ ♖d3♕ 50.Kxg6
Kd3]
45...h5
(Diagram)



46.Rb7+=

[46.Ke5 Kg7]

46...Kf6

[46...Ke6 47.Rb6+ Kf7 48.Rb7+ Ke6 49.Rb6+ Kf7 50.Ke5=]

47.Rb6+

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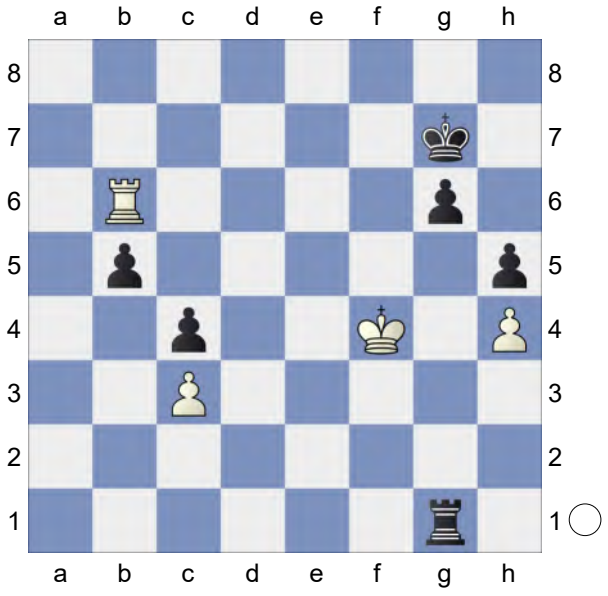
47...Kg7



An unexpected result.

½-½

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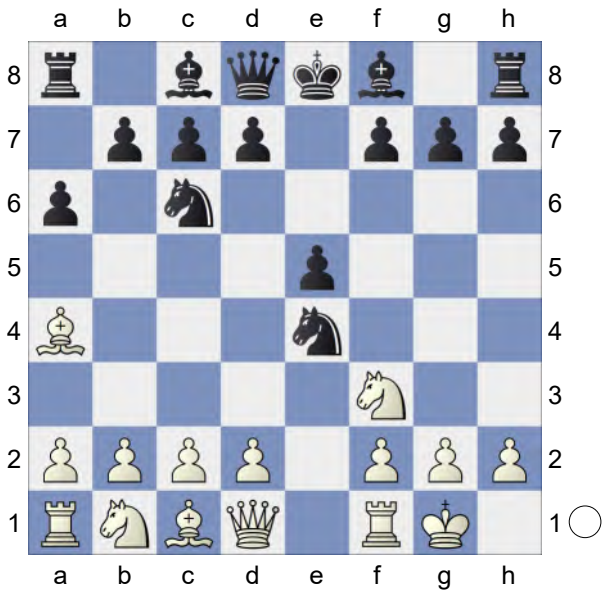
☐	**Homont,Rena De**	**2382**
■	**Wydornik,Robert**	**2273**
CXEB50/Sf 16 (BRA)		31.10.2020

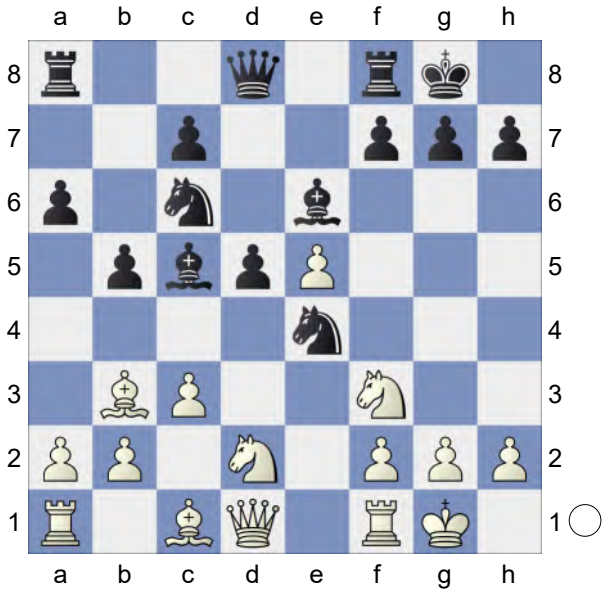
[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

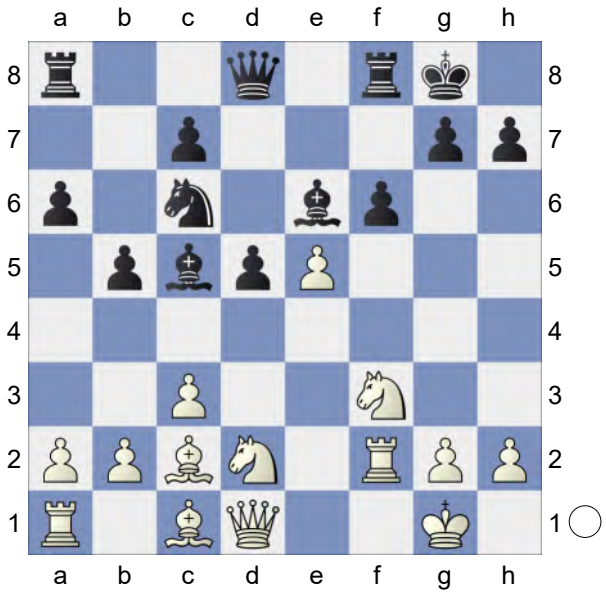
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

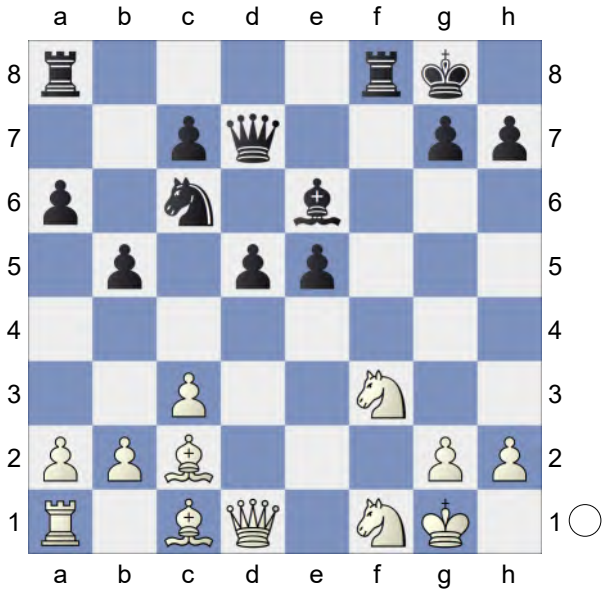


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6



13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White is slightly better. **15...Qd7**

[15...Bg4 16.Ne3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ne7 18.Qd3 g6 19.Ng4 Nf5 20.Nxe5 Qd6 21.f4 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 d4 23.Bb3+ Kg7 24.cxd4 Qxd4 25.Bd2 Qxd3 26.Nxd3 Rfd8 27.Bc3+ Nd4 28.Re1 Kf6 29.Re4 Kf5 30.Rxd4 ½-½ (88) Winkler,T (2670)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2552) 8th ch-Euro Dresden GER 2007 (4.1)]



16.a4 White has compensation.

[16.Ng5 Bf5 17.a4 Rad8 18.Ng3 e4 19.Nxf5 Qxf5 20.Qe2 Ne5 21.Be3 Nc4 22.Bb3 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Kh8 24.Nh3 Rd6 25.Qe2 Rdf6 26.axb5 axb5 27.Rd1 c6 28.Kh1 h6 29.Qe3 Qg4 30.Re1 Rf1+ 0-1 (50) Hlavacek,J (2202)-Skrobar,D (2389) 13/218 Vrnjacka Banja 1972 (4)]

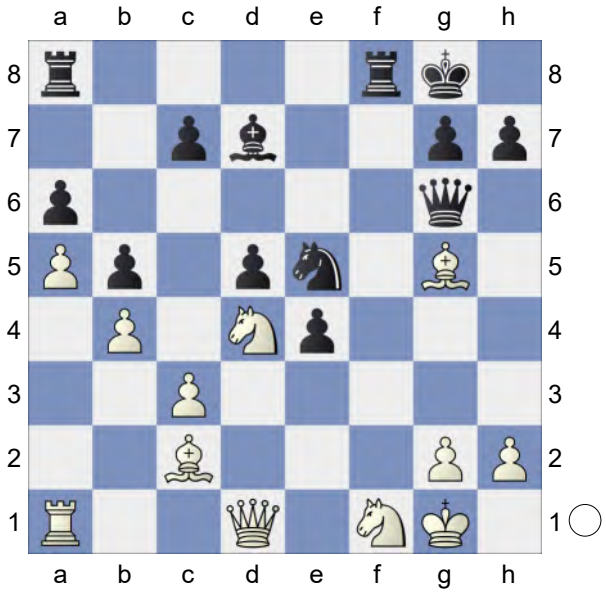
16...e4N 0.61/18

[16...Kh8= 0.20/20]

[16...b4 17.Ng5 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Ne3 Rxg5 20.Nxd5 Qg4 21.Bxg5 Qxg5 22.Nxc7 6. Dilworth Open Spanish-11...Nxf2 #7]

17.Nd4!± Ne5 18.b4 Qf7! (-> ...Qf2+)

19.Bg5 Bd7 20.a5 Qg6



21.Be7 0.23/19

[21.Bh4± 0.62/19]

21...Rf7= 22.Bc5 Re8 23.Qe1 Rf3 Wards off Qg3 **24.Kh1 Rf6 25.Ne3 c6** 0.78/22

[25...Nd3± 0.34/22 26.Bxd3 exd3]

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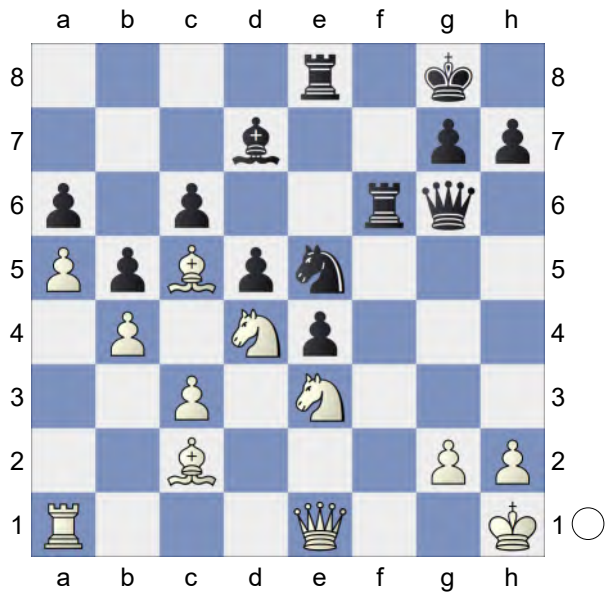
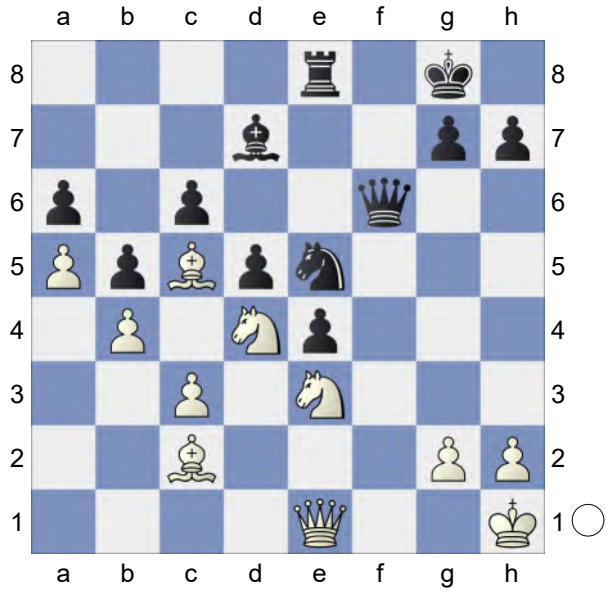


26.Qg3± Qh6 27.Rg1 Rg6! 28.Qe1 Qg5 29.Rf1 Rf6 Against Ndf5 **30.Rxf6 Qxf6**



31.Kg1 h5 32.h4 Nd3 33.Bxd3 exd3 34.Nb3 Bg4 35.Bd4 Qh6

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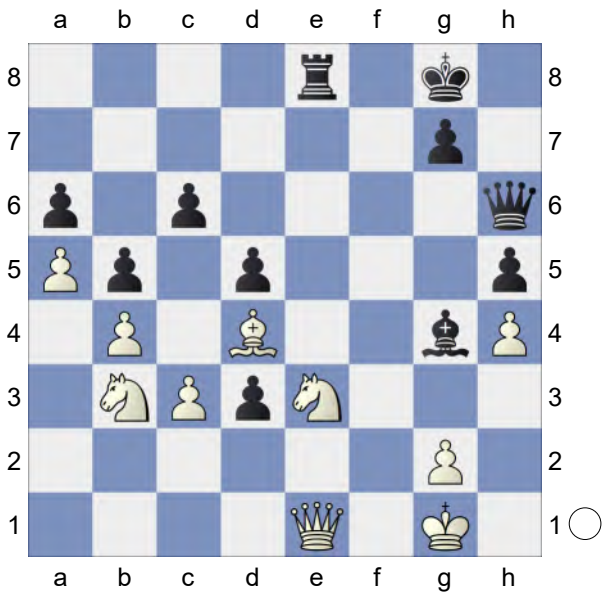
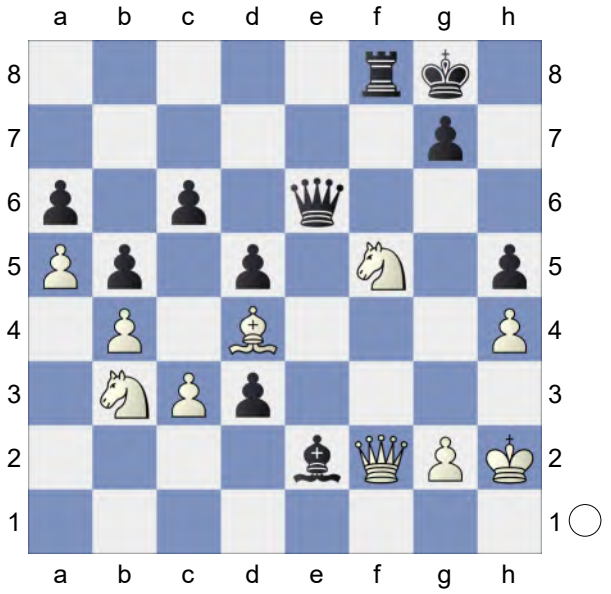


36.Kh2 Be2 37.Qf2 Rf8 38.Nf5 Qe6

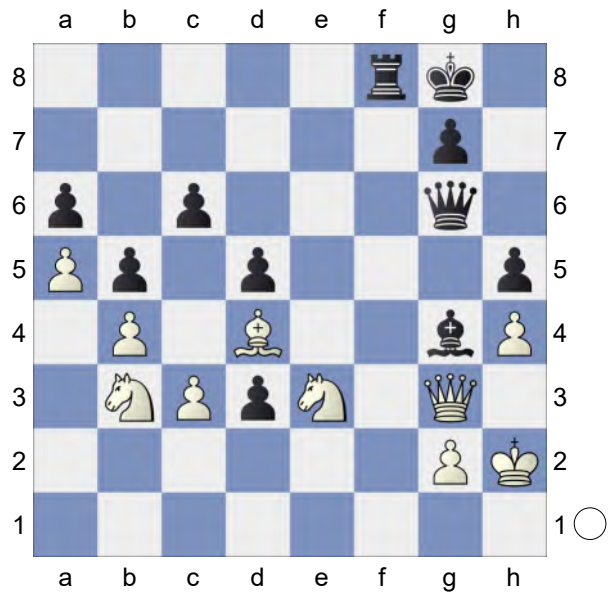


Inhibits Ne7+. **39.Qg3!** The board is on fire. **39...Bg4! 40.Ne3** White is more active. Excellent horsemanship.

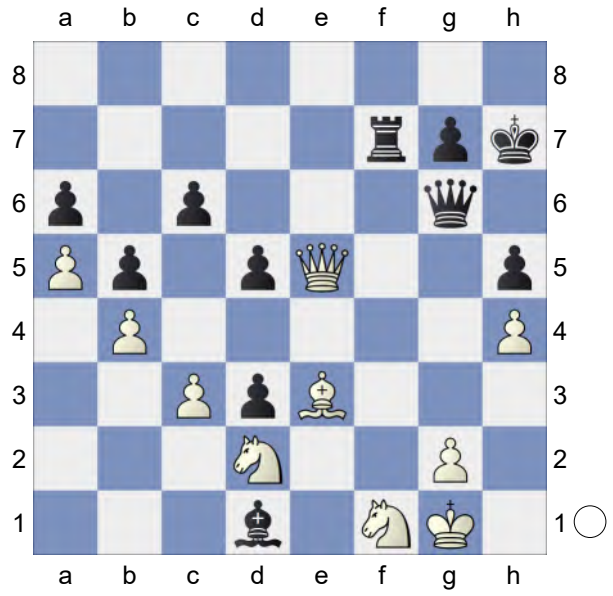
[40.Qc7 is interesting. Rf7 41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.Ne3]

40...Qg6

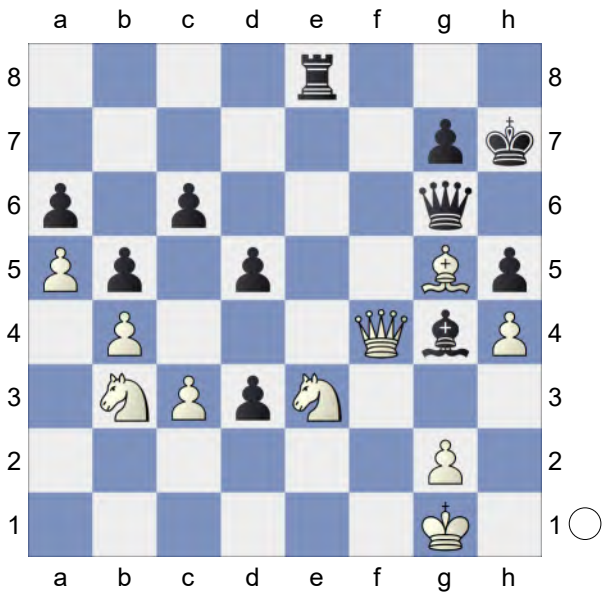
(Diagram)



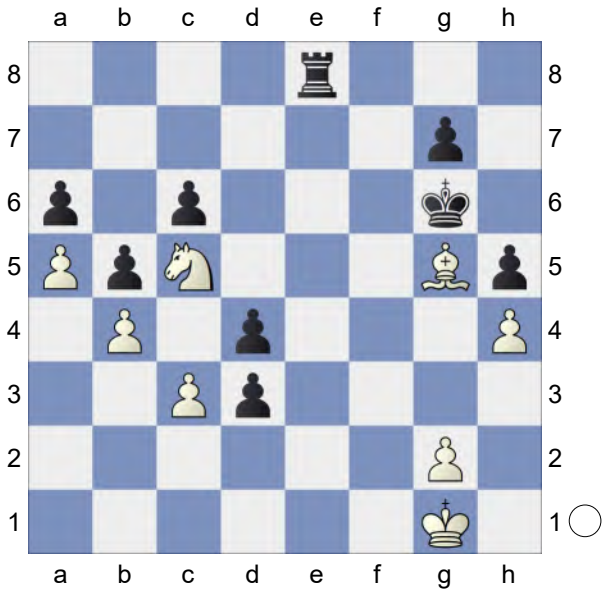
41.Nd2 Qh6 42.Qe5
[42.Nxg4 hxg4 43.Qxd3 *(43.Qxg4 Rf7=)* 43...Qxh4+ 44.Kg1 Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Qh4+ 46.Kg1 Qe1+ 47.Kh2 Qh4+=]
42...Rf7 43.Kg1 Kh7 1.24/25
[43...Be2± 0.61/20]
44.Nef1! Bd1 45.Be3! Qg6 1.26/19
[⌓45...Qf6 0.90/21 46.Qd4 Qg6]



46.Bg5! Rf8 47.Qd4 Bg4 48.Nb3 Re8 49.Ne3 Be2 50.Qf4! Prevents Qf7.
50...Bg4



51.Qf2! Qd6 1.47/19
[Black should play 51...Kg8 0.96/18]
52.Nc5! d4 2.44/21
[52...Qe5± 1.47/20]
53.Nf5!+- Bxf5 54.Qxf5+ Qg6 55.Qxg6+
[55.Qxd3 Qxd3 56.Nxd3 dxc3=]
55...Kxg6



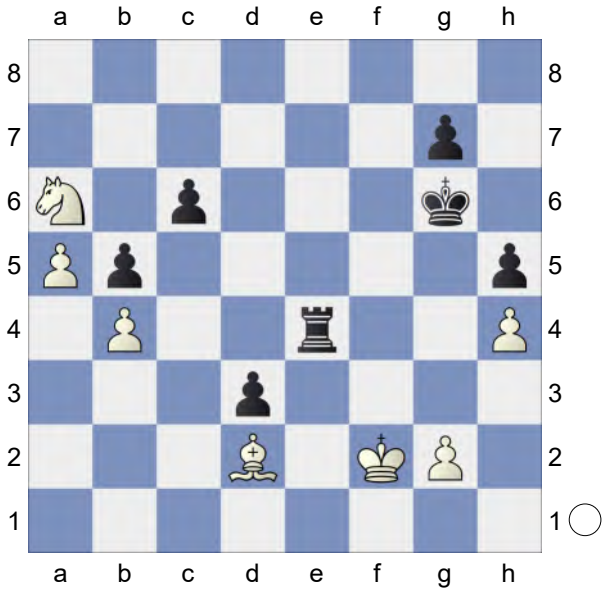
56.cxd4
[56.Nxd3 dxc3 57.Kf2 Re4 58.Nf4+ Kf5 59.Nxh5 Kg4∓ *(59...Rxb4? 60.Ke3-+)*]
56...Rd8 57.Nxa6

[57.Bxd8? d2 58.Kh2 d1Q-+ *(58...d1B? is the wrong capture. 59.Nxa6 Bg4 60.Nc5+-)*]
[57.Nxd3 Rxd4 58.Ne5+ Kf5 59.Nxc6 Rc4]

57...Rxd4 58.Bd2! Rc4 2.70/23
[⌓58...Kf5 1.86/21 59.Nc5 Kg4]

59.Kf2!
[And not 59.Nc5 Rc2 60.Ne4 Kf5 61.Ng3+ Ke5=]

59...Re4



...Re2+ is the strong threat. **60.Kf3 Kf5** 1.39/21
[60...Re2+- 2.65/21 61.Be3 Rb2]

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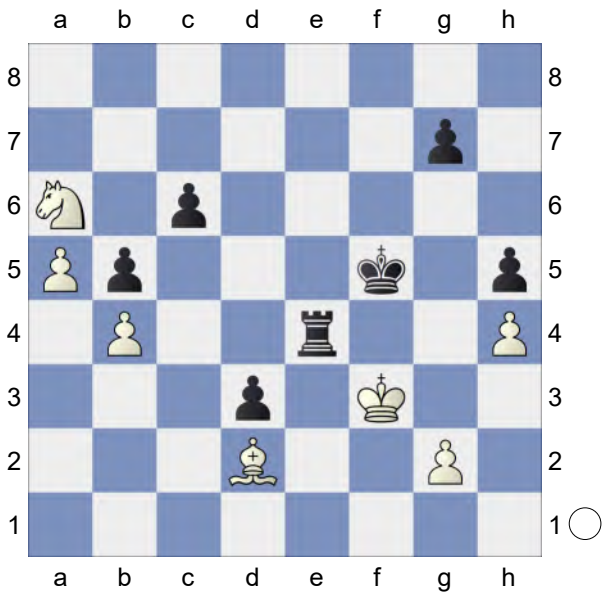
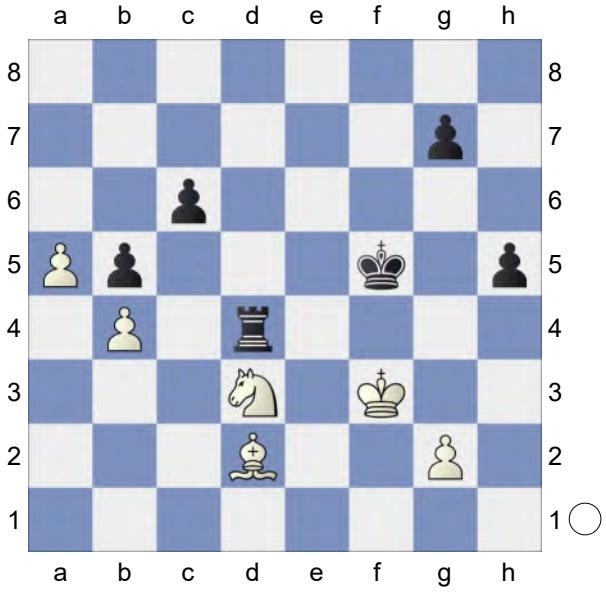


61.Nc5!± Rxh4 62.Nxd3 and a6 should not be overlooked
[62.a6 Rh1 63.Nb7 *(63.Nxd3 Ra1=)* 63...Rf1+ 64.Ke3 Kg4 65.Kxd3 Rf8]

62...Rd4



63.Ke2! Rd8 64.Be3 Ra8 65.Bb6 Ke4

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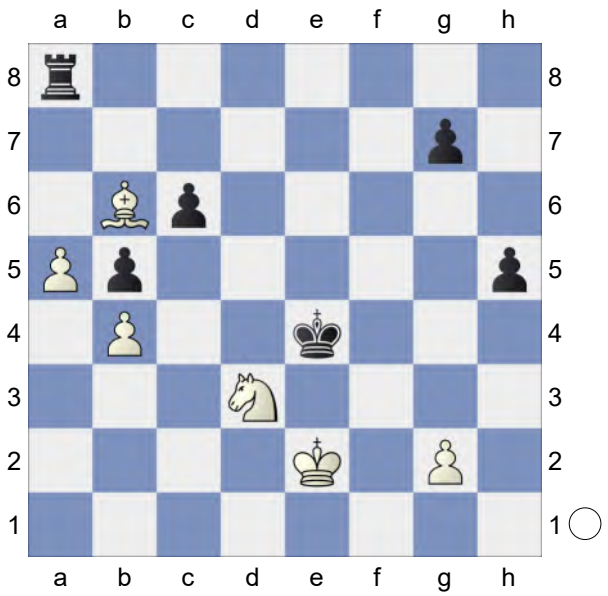
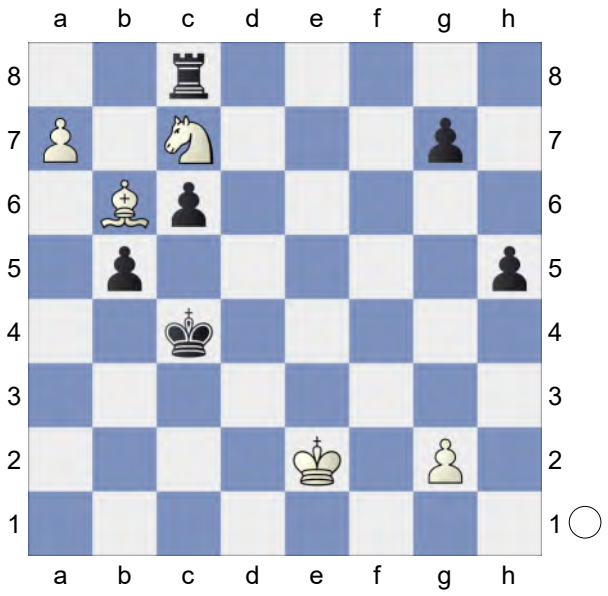


66.Nc5+ White is clearly winning. **66...Kd4 67.a6 Kc4 68.a7 Kxb4 69.Na6+ Kc4 70.Nc7 Rc8**



71.a8Q Rxa8 72.Nxa8 Kd5 73.Ke3 g6 74.Nc7+ Ke5 75.Na6 Kf5

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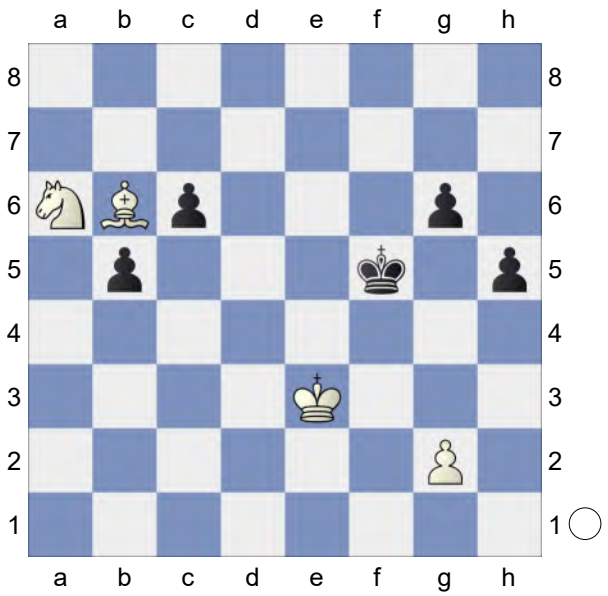

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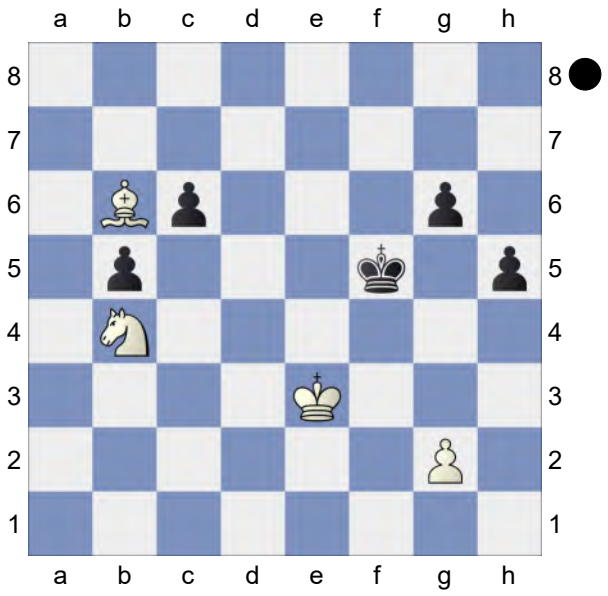
76.Nb4



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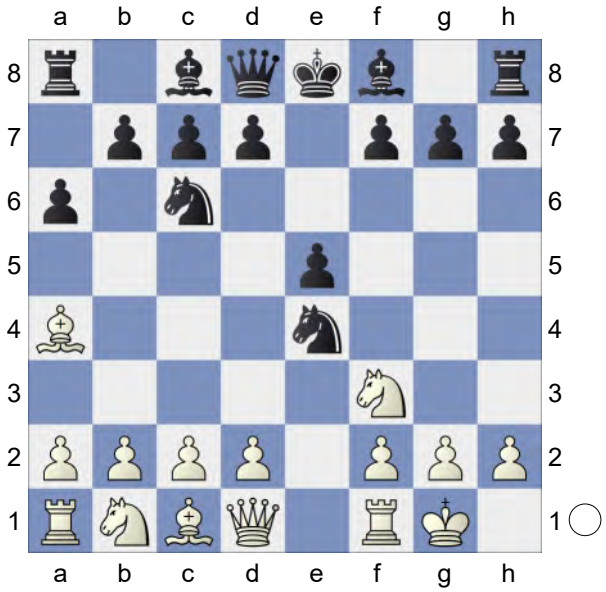
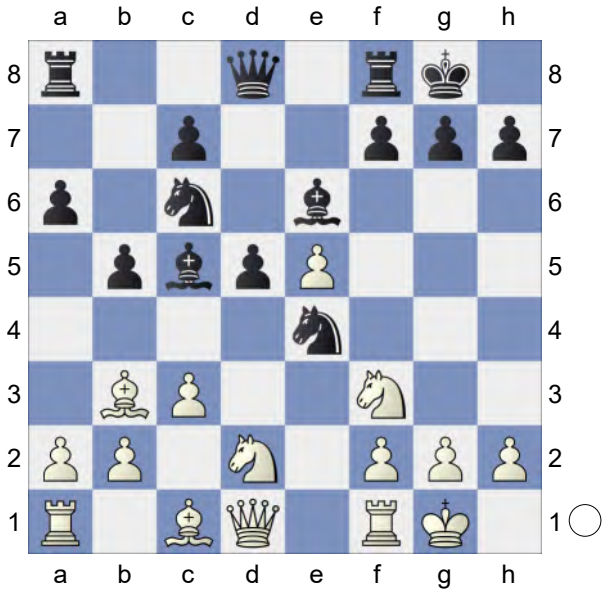
66 **C82**
□ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2665**
■ **Jussupow,Artur** **2615**
49/397 Linares 1990
[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

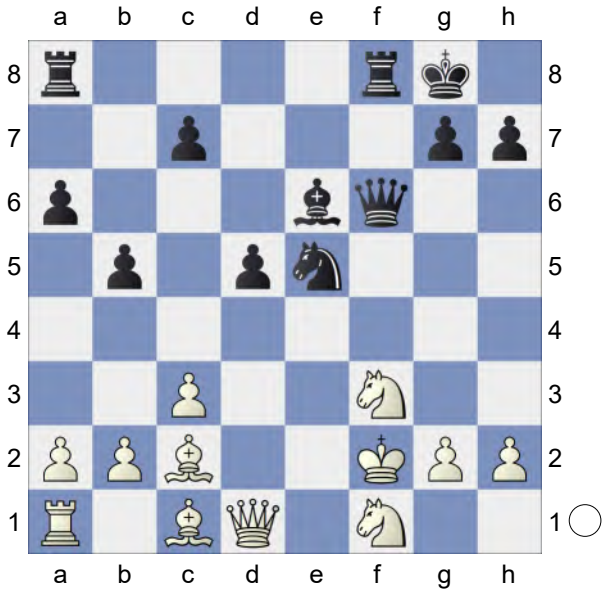
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



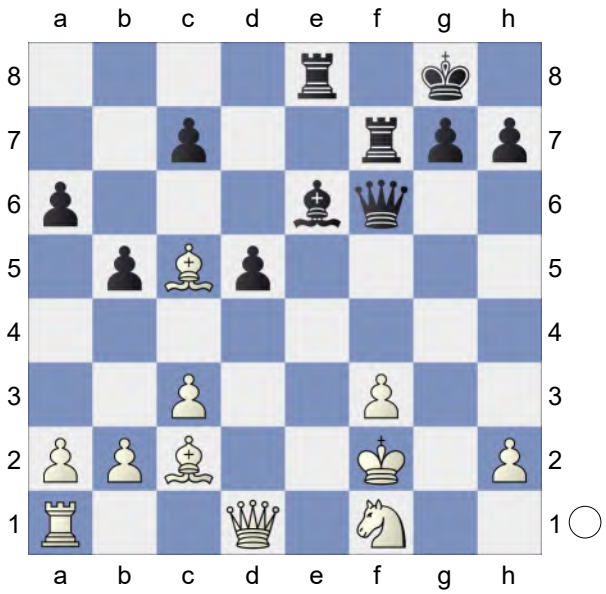
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

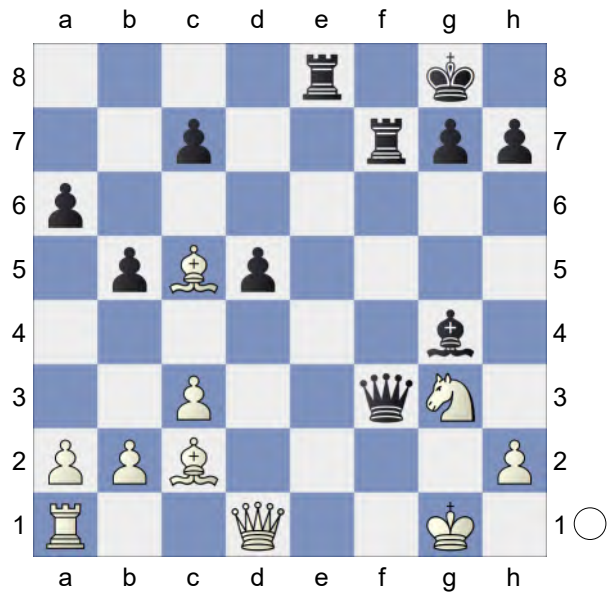


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7

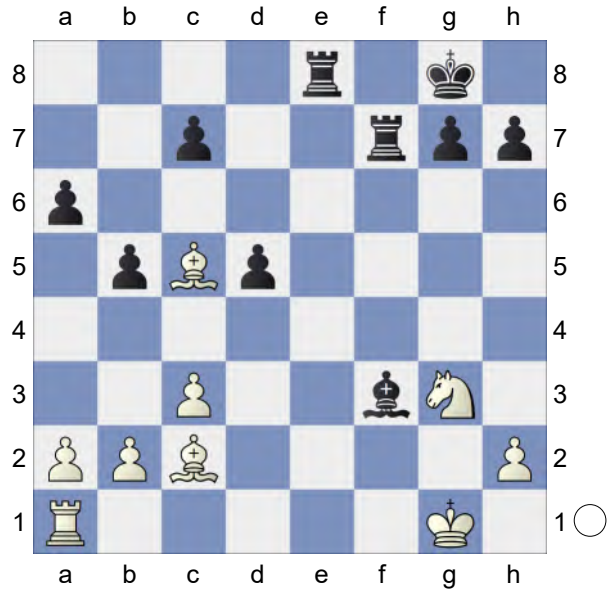


19.Ng3 The board is on fire. **19...Bg4**
20.Kg1→ White has some attack.
20...Qxf3

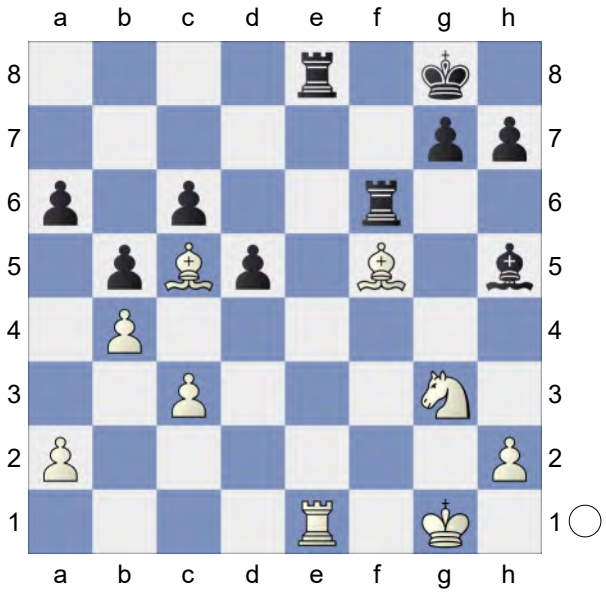
(Diagram)



21.Qxf3 Bxf3N 0.84/20
[21...Rxf3= 0.08/21 keeps the balance. 22.a4 *(22.Rf1 h5 23.Rxf3 Bxf3 24.Bg6 Re6 25.Bf5 Rc6 26.Bd4 Bg4 27.Bxg4 hxg4 28.Nf5 Re6 29.Ne3 c6 30.Kf2 Re4 31.b4 Rf4+ 32.Kg3 Rf3+ 33.Kxg4 Rf2 34.h4 Rxa2 35.Nf5 Kf7 36.Bxg7 a5 ; -; (71) 5.dc5 ♗c5 6.♗f4_52057 (2714)-Persse,D (2709) 78/460 Cappelle la Grande 2000 (7.4))* 22...c6]

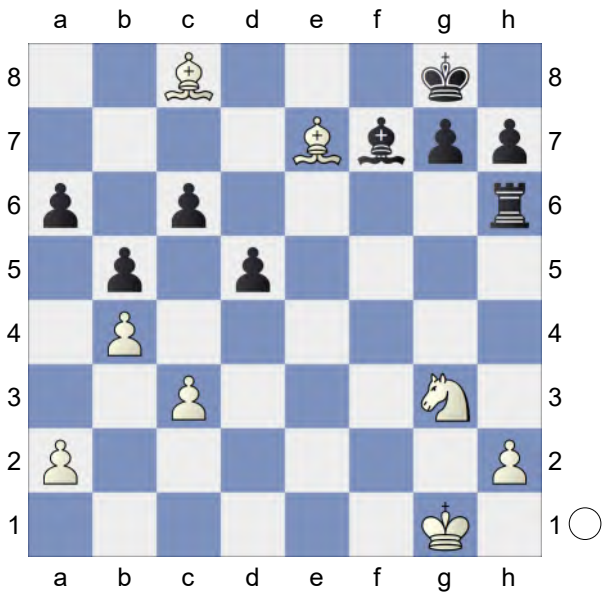


22.Rf1!± Rf6 1.49/21
[22...Rf4!± 0.70/19]
23.b4 c6 1.89/24
[23...Bg4± 1.24/20 keeps fighting.]
24.Bf5 1.40/19 This pair of bishops is nice.
[24.Bd4+- 1.89/24 Rf7 25.Bf5]
24...Be2 25.Re1 Bh5

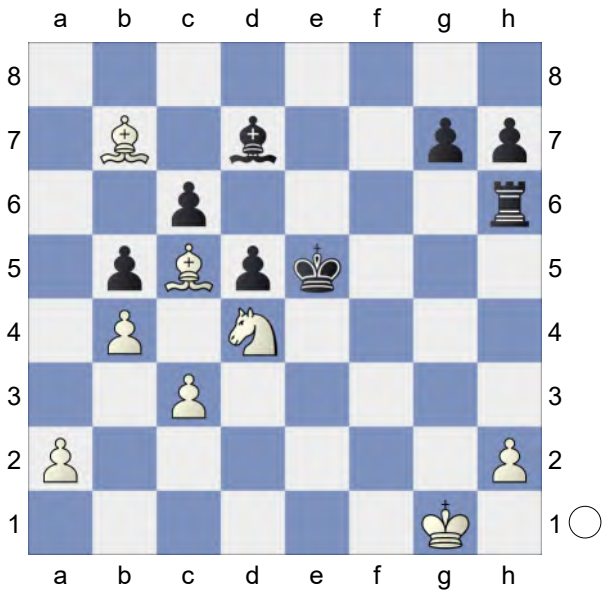


26.Rxe8+ Bxe8 27.Be7 White is more active. **27...Rh6 28.Bg5** White has strong compensation. **28...Rd6 29.Be7 Rh6 30.Bc8** 0.49/20
[30.Bg5± 1.46/20 Rd6 31.Ne2]
30...Bf7±

(Diagram)

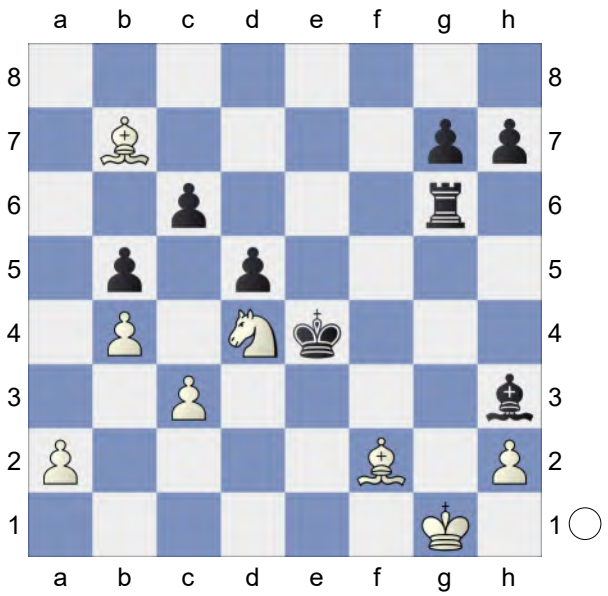


31.Bxa6 Be6 32.Bc5 Bd7 33.Bb7 Kf7 34.Ne2 Ke6 35.Nd4+ 0.00/26
[White should play 35.Kg2!± 0.58/23]
35...Ke5!=

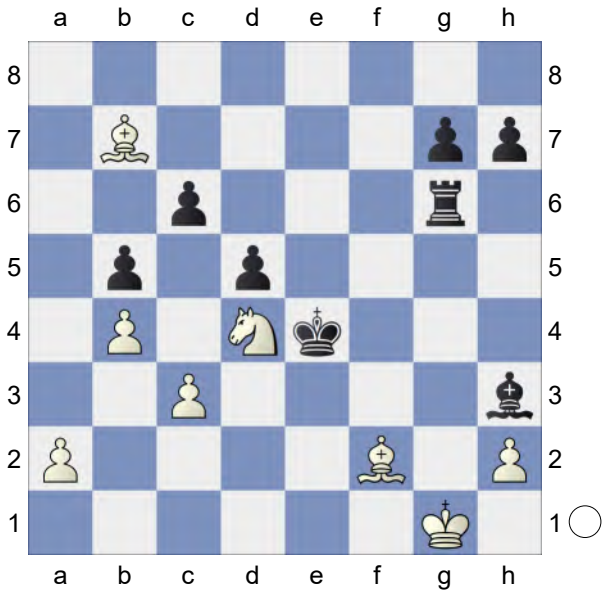


36.Nb3 Ke4! Inhibits Be3. **37.Bf2** Strongly threatening Nc5+. **37...Bh3** Threatens to win with ...Rg6+. **38.Nd4 Rg6+ 39.Bg3 Rf6 40.Bf2!**
[40.Bxc6? Rf1#]
40...Rg6+

(Diagram)



41.Bg3 Rf6 0.00/29
[41...h5!∓ -0.39/22 42.Kf2 *(42.Nxc6?* perishes. *h4*-+ Pin *)* 42...h4 43.Bxh4 Rg2+ 44.Ke1 Ke3]
42.Bf2!
[42.Bxc6? Rf1#]
Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
42...Rg6+



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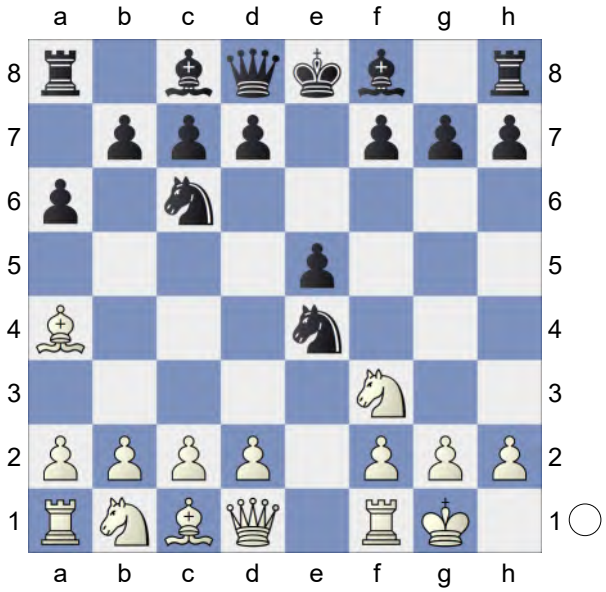
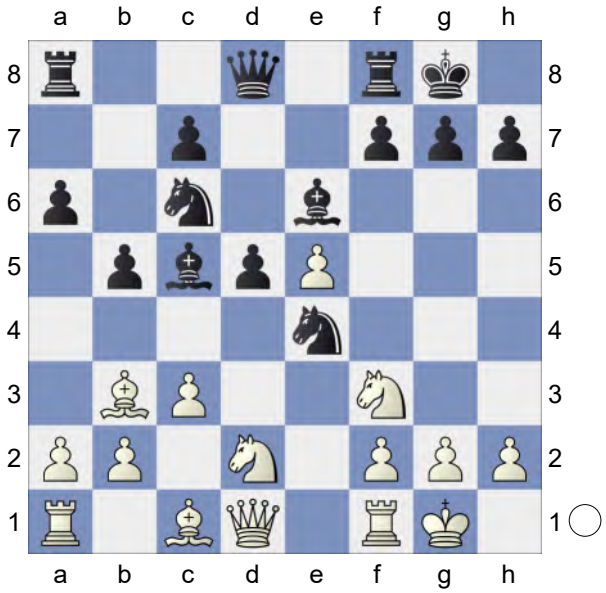
67 **C82**
□ **Short,Nigel D** **2660**
■ **Jussupow,Artur** **2610**
48/454 Belgrad 1989
[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

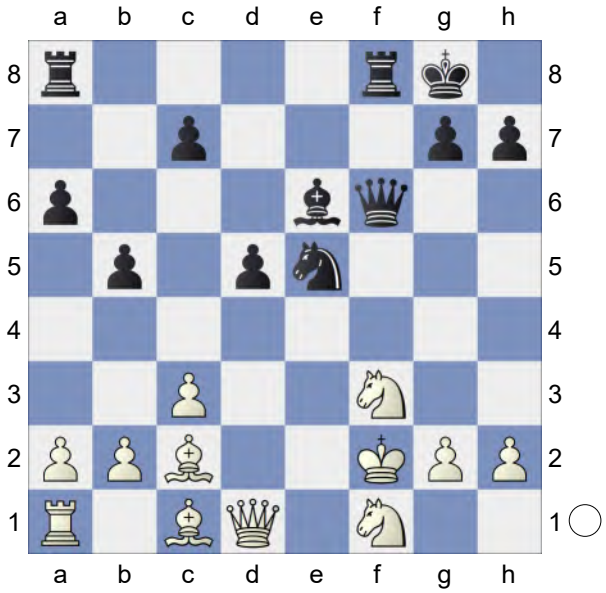
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



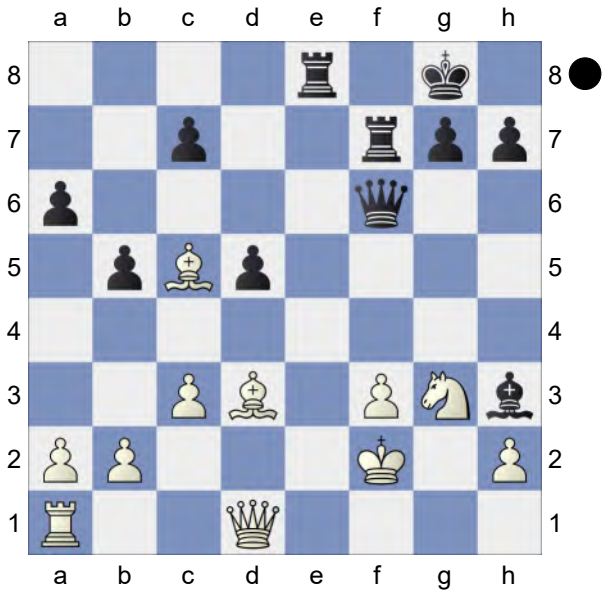
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5



16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 This pair of bishops is nice. **17...Nxf3! 18.gxf3 Rf7 19.Bd3** -1.06/16
[19.Ng3= 0.16/21]
19...Bh3 Black has strong compensation. Black is better. **20.Ng3** -1.45/20
[⌓20.Kg1 -0.95/21]



20...h5!∓

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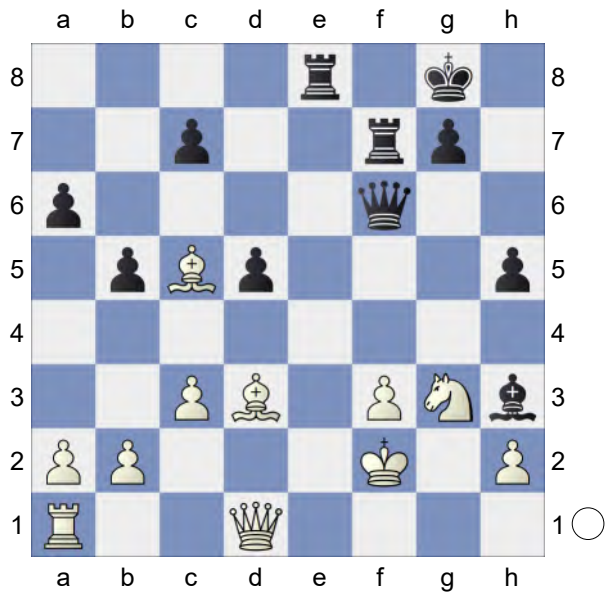
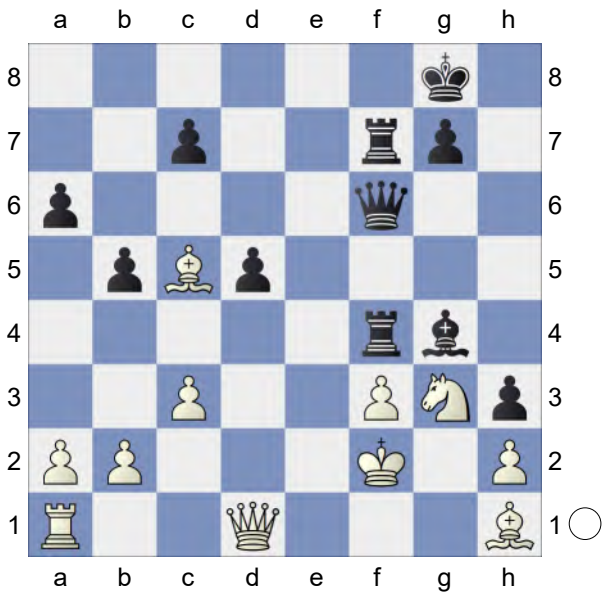
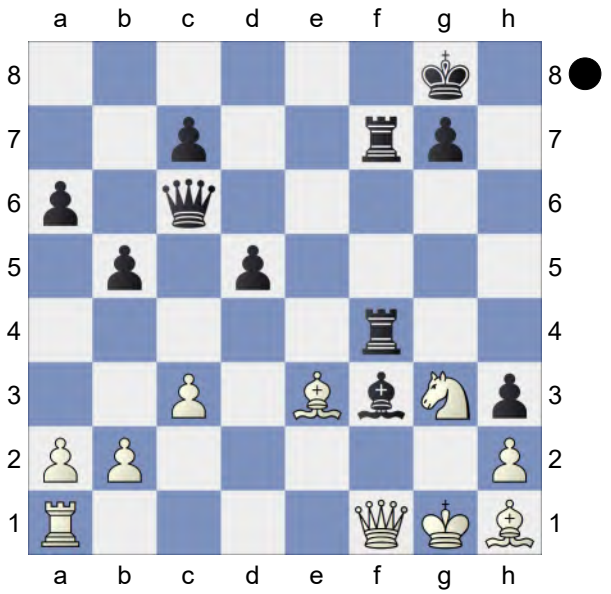


21.Bf1 Discovered Attack
[21.Nxh5 Qg5 22.Ng3 d4 23.Bxd4 c5∓]
21...Bg4
[21...Bxf1 22.Nxf1 Qh4+ 23.Kg2∓]
22.Bg2 h4 23.Nf1
[23.Kg1? Bxf3 24.Qxf3 Qxf3 *(24...hxg3 25.Qxg3 Qe6 26.Bd4±)* 25.Bxf3 Rxf3-+]
23...h3 The board is on fire. **24.Bh1 Re4** 0.00/21 Prevents Qd4. Black is much more active.
[24...Bxf3!∓ -1.59/20 25.Bxf3 Qg5]
25.Ng3N and Kg1! would now be decisive
[25.Qxd5? Bxf3-+]
25...Rf4↑

(Diagram)

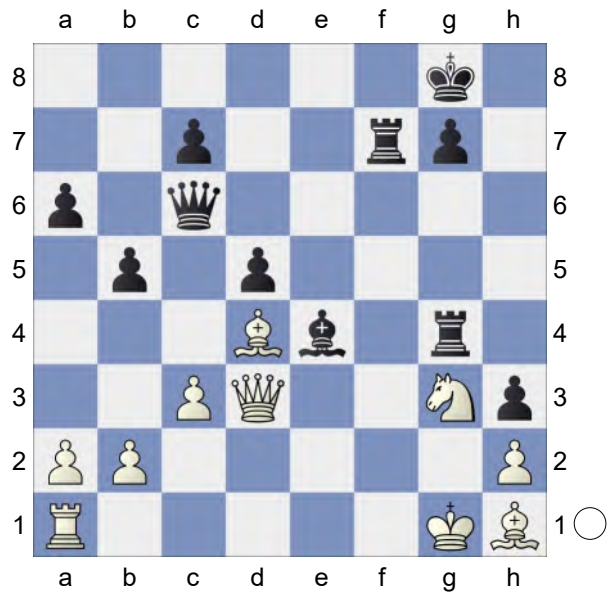


Black has some pressure. **26.Kg1** -1.54/22
[26.Qxd5∓ -0.37/22 Bxf3 27.Bxf3]
26...Qc6!
[26...Bxf3 27.Bxf3 Rxf3 28.Qxd5=]
27.Be3 Bxf3 28.Qf1 -1.81/20
[28.Qd2∓ -1.24/20 Rg4 29.Bxf3 Rxf3 30.Bd4]

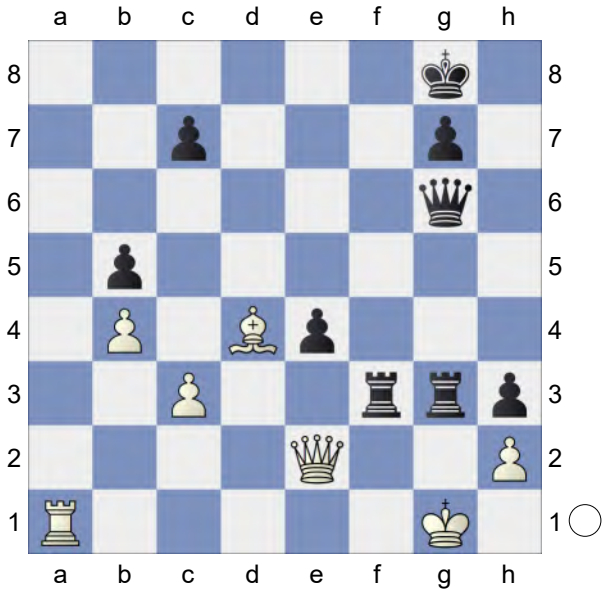


28...Re4? -0.10/20 **29.Qd3?** -3.89/20
[29.Nxe4= -0.10/20 and White has nothing to worry. Bxe4 30.Qxh3 Bxh1 31.Rf1 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1]

29...Rg4-+
[29...Bxh1 30.Kxh1 Re6 31.Bd4∓]
30.Bd4? -7.71/20 White is weak on the light squares
[30.Rf1 -3.73/17 d4 31.Rxf3 *(31.Bxf3 Rxf3 32.Rxf3 Qxf3-+* Pin, Double Attack*)* 31...Rxf3 Pin 32.Qd1 Pin *(32.cxd4? Rfxg3+ 33.hxg3 Rxg3+ 34.Kf2 Qxh1-+)* 32...Rgxg3+ 33.hxg3 Rxg3+ 34.Kf2 Rg2+ Skewer, Deflection *(34...dxe3+ 35.Kxg3 e2 36.Qd5+ Qxd5 37.Bxd5+ Kh7 38.Kf2+-)* 35.Ke1 dxe3 36.Qg4 Rxg4 37.Bxc6]
30...Be4? -1.58/18
[30...Rxg3+-+ -7.71/20 31.hxg3 h2+ 32.Kf2 Bxh1+ *(32...Be4+? 33.Ke2-+)* 33.Ke3 Rf3+ 34.Ke2 Rxd3 35.Kxd3 Be4+ 36.Kd2 Qc4 *(36...h1B? 37.Re1-+)* 37.Rh1 Qd3+ *(37...Bxh1 38.b3 Qf1 39.Ke3 Be4 40.Kd2 Qd3+ 41.Ke1 h1Q+ 42.Kf2 Qdf3#)* 38.Ke1 Bf3 *(38...Bxh1 39.g4 Be4 40.Kf2 h1Q 41.Be3 Qh4+ 42.Kg1 Qg3#)* 39.Rxh2 Qd1+ 40.Kf2 Qe2+ 41.Kg1 Qe1#]



31.Qe2 -2.18/21
[31.Qd2∓ -1.58/18]
31...Qg6 32.Bxe4 dxe4 -0.85/18
[32...Rxe4-+ -2.35/20 33.Qd1 a5]
33.a4? -3.78/21
[33.Rf1∓ -0.85/18 was worth a try.]
33...Rf3 -1.60/20
[33...e3-+ -3.78/21 is more deadly. (-> . . . R x g 3 +) 34.Bxe3 Rxg3+ *(34...bxa4 35.Bd4∓; 34...Rxa4? 35.Rxa4 bxa4 36.Bd4∓)* 35.hxg3 Qxg3+ 36.Kh1 Re7 *(36...Rf3? 37.Bd4+-)*]
34.axb5∓ axb5 35.b4? -5.99/24
[35.Kh1∓ -1.51/19 is tougher.]
35...Rgxg3+-+



36.hxg3 Rxg3+
[36...Qxg3+ 37.Kh1 Qg5 *(37...e3? 38.Rg1+-* Skewer *)* 38.Ra8+ *(38.Qxe4? Qg2#; 38.Rg1 Qd5±)* 38...Kf7 39.Ra1±]
37.Kh1

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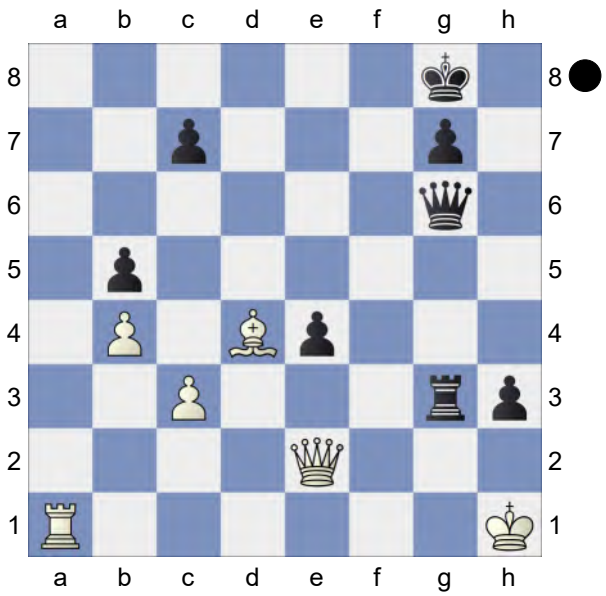

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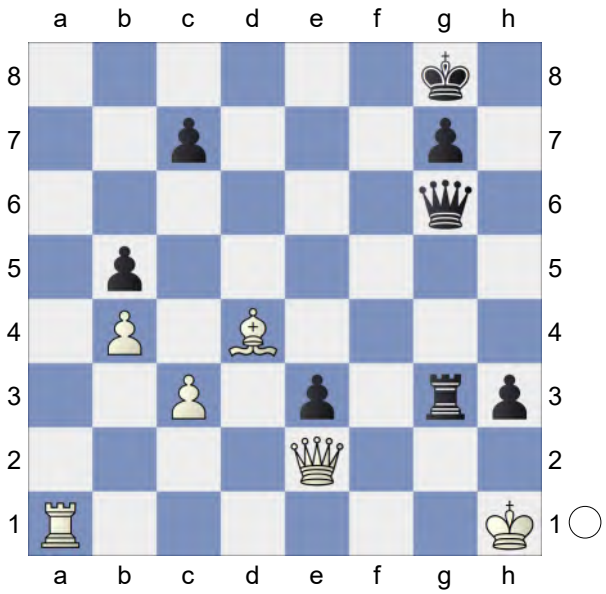
37...e3!



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68 **C82**

□ **Mrudul,Dehankar** **1968**

■ **Demin,V1** **2430**

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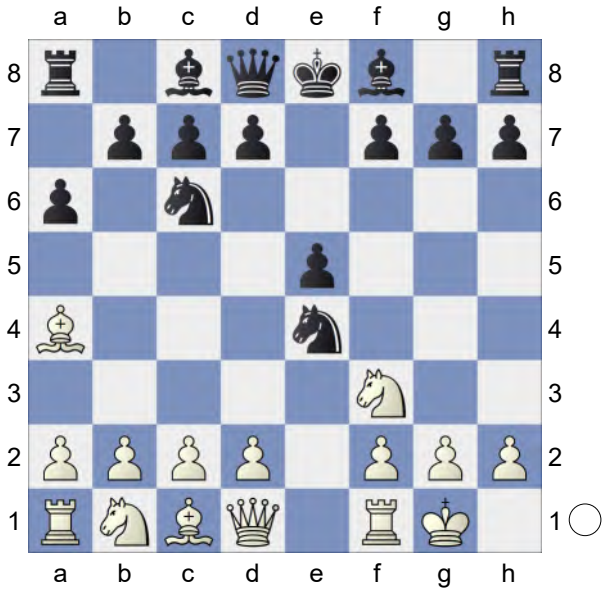
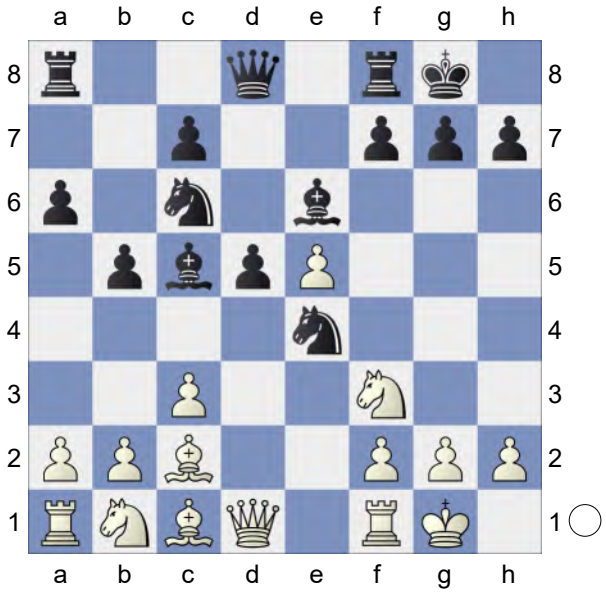
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Bc2 0-0



11.Nbd2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 White is slightly better. **12...Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 f6 14.Kg1 fxe5** ...e4 would now be deadly. **15.Nf1 Qd6N**

[15...Qd7 16.h3 Kh8 17.Be3 e4 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Qxh3 21.Bf2 Rf6 22.Qe3 Rf3 23.Qg5 Raf8 24.Qh4 Qd7 25.Bg3 R8f6 26.Qh2 Qf7 27.Qg2 h5 28.Re1 Rg6 29.Bd1 Rf5 30.Qh3 1-0 (37) Li,H (2189)-Young,A (2005) EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja 2024 (2.2)]

[15...Kh8 16.Ng5 Bg8 17.Be3 Qf6 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qh3 d4 20.Ne4 Qf5 21.g4 Qf3 22.Qxf3 Rxf3 23.Bh6 Bd5 24.Nfd2 Rf7 25.Bd3 Ne7 26.Rc1 Rb8 27.cxd4 Ng8 28.Bg5 exd4 29.Bh4 Ne7 30.Bf2 0-1 (50) Mrudul,D (2059)-Rajanya,D (1654) IND-ch U19 Girls 2023 (10) Nc6 31.Rc5 Nb4 32.Bxd4+ Kg8 33.Nf6+ Kf8 34.Bf1 Bxa2 35.Nde4 Rd8 36.Be5 Nd5 37.Rc6 Nxf6 38.Nxf6 Rd1 39.Rxa6 Bd5 40.Kf2 b4 41.g5 Rxf1+ 42.Ke3 Bb7 43.Ra7 Re1+ 44.Kd4 c5+ 45.Kxc5 0-1 (50) Chekhov,V (2059)-Senechaud,D (1654) Srbija (ch) 114/(202) 2012 (10)]

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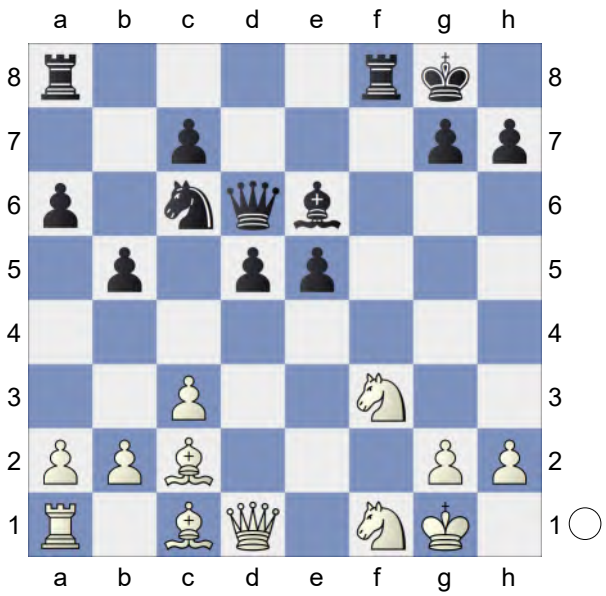


16.Be3 Rad8 17.Ng5 0.04/19

[17.Qe1!± 0.79/19]

17...Bf5= 18.Ng3 -0.27/20

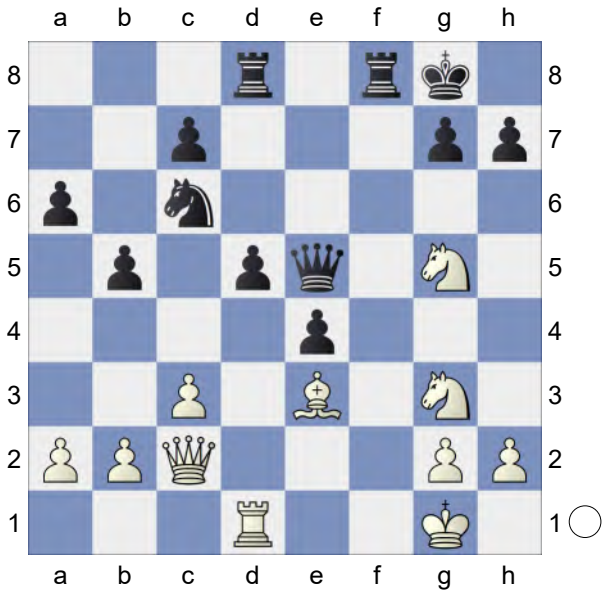
[18.Bxf5± 0.31/19 Rxf5 19.Ng3]

18...Bxc2 19.Qxc2 e4! 20.Rd1

[20.b4 is interesting. h6 21.Bc5 Qe5 22.Nh3]

20...Qe5

[20...h6!? 21.Nh3□ Ne5=]

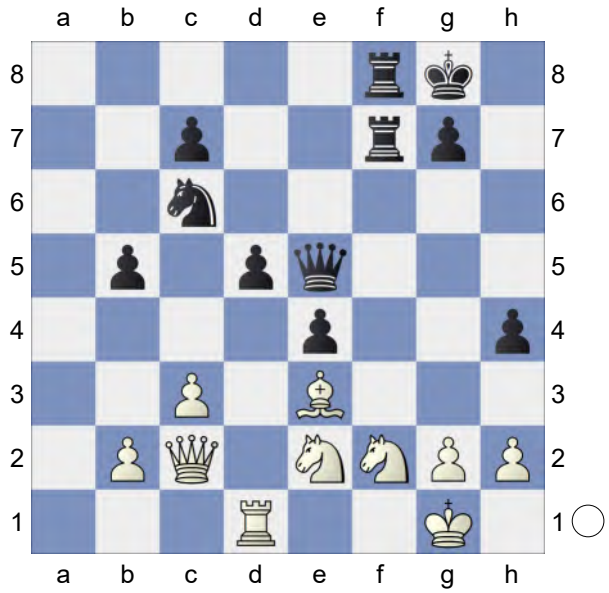


21.Nh3 Rf7 0.30/20

[21...h6 -0.16/19]

22.Nf2 White has compensation. **22...h5**

0.36/20
[22...Qe6= 0.00/19]
23.a4 -0.15/19
[23.Qe2± 0.36/20]
23...h4 0.41/22
[23...b4!= -0.15/19]
24.Ne2± Rdf8 0.87/21
[24...Qe7± 0.44/18 feels stronger.]
25.axb5± axb5



26.Qb3 0.00/22
[Better is 26.Qc1± 0.97/23]
26...Rf5 1.22/20
[26...Qh5= 0.00/22 27.Qxb5 *(27.Qxd5? Qxe2 28.Qd2 Rxf2-+)* 27...Rb8]

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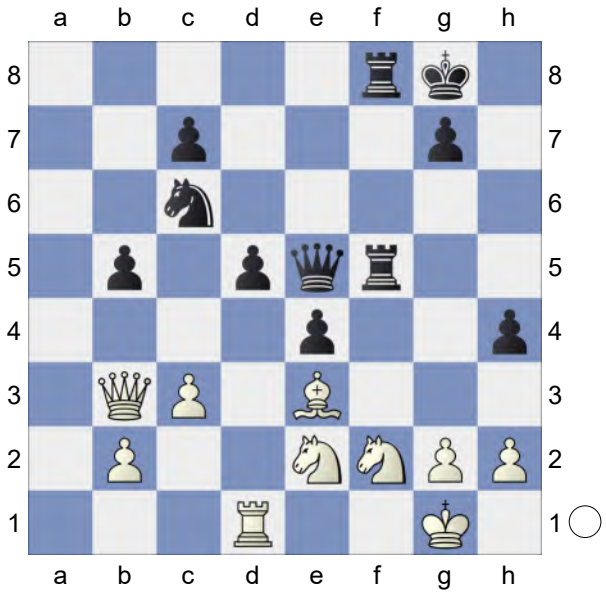
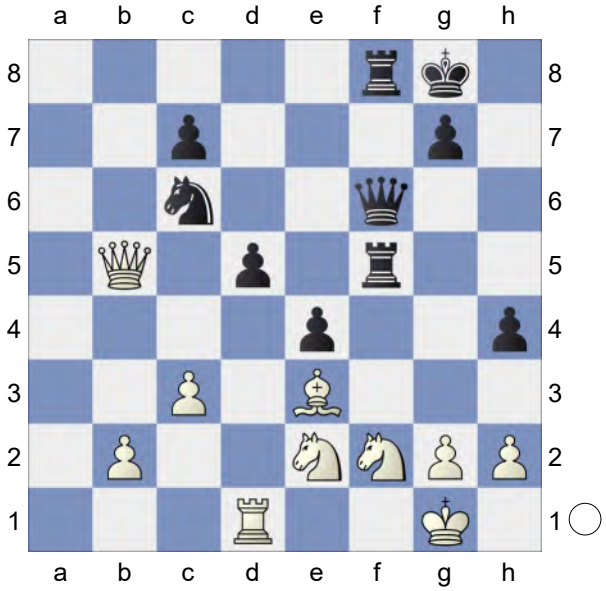


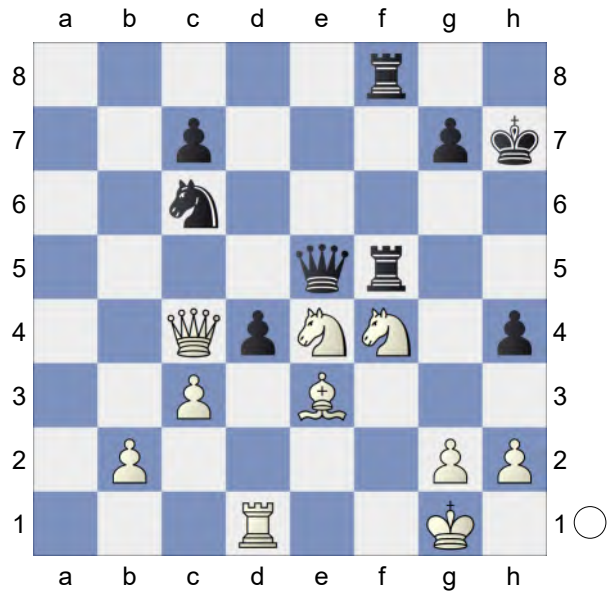
27.Qxb5 -0.01/25
[27.Bc5!± 1.22/20 Hoping for Ng4!. Rb8 28.Ng4]
27...Qf6



28.Nf4!↑ White has good play. Really sharp! **28...d4!** Discovered Attack
29.Qc4+ Kh7 0.82/21
[29...Qf7= 0.04/20 remains equal. 30.Qxf7+ *(30.Qxc6? dxe3 31.N2h3 g5∓)* 30...R8xf7 31.cxd4 Rxf4 32.Bxf4 Rxf4]
30.Nxe4 White is more active. Excellent horsemanship.

[30.Bxd4? Nxd4 31.N2h3 Nc6 32.Qxe4 g6-+]

30...Qe5



31.Qxc6

[31.cxd4? Qxe4 32.Qc1 Rxf4 33.Bxf4 Rxf4-+]

31...dxe3 32.Qg6+? -4.68/18

[32.Ng6± 0.69/24 keeps the upper hand. e2 33.Nxf8+ Rxf8 34.Re1]

32...Kg8 33.Ne6 -12.50/18

[33.Qe6+ Qxe6 34.Rb1 Qxe4 35.g3 Qxb1+ 36.Kg2 Rxf4 *(36...Qxb2+ 37.Kf3 e2 38.Kg2 e1Q+ 39.Kh3 Rxf4* Remove Defender *40.gxf4 Qg1 41.Kxh4 Qbxh2#)* 37.gxf4 Rxf4 38.h3 Rf2#]

[33.g3 -3.75/18 hxg3 *(33...Qxe4? 34.Rd7-+)* 34.hxg3 Qxe4 35.Rd7]

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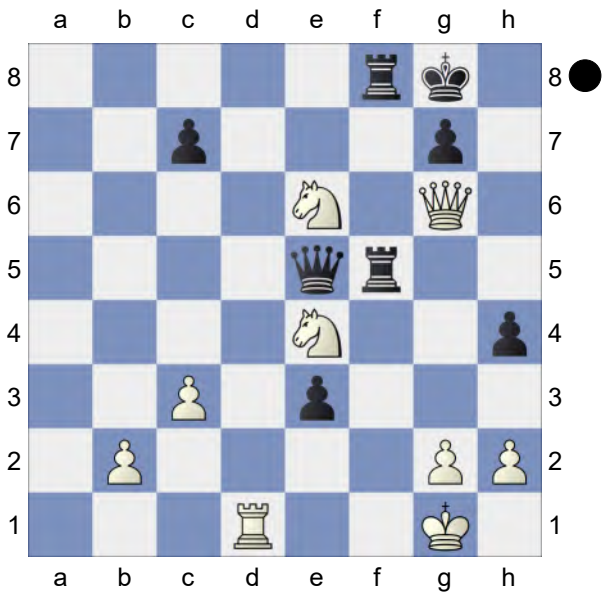
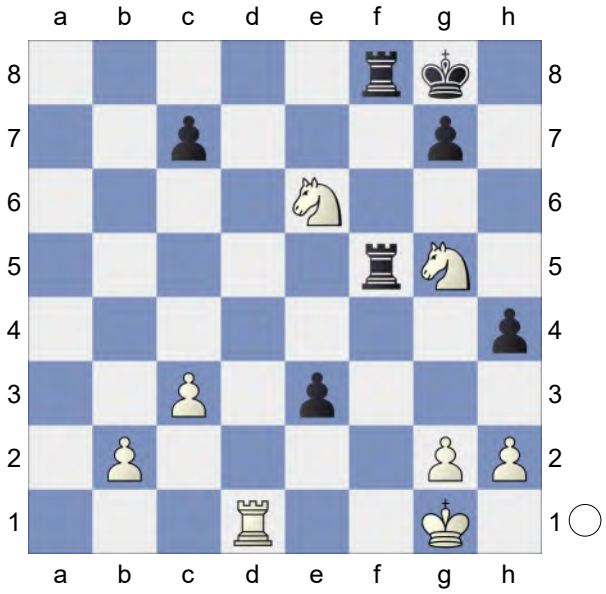


33...R5f7?? 6.03/20 **34.N4g5 Qf5 35.Qxf5 Rxf5**



36.Nxf8 Rxg5+- Endgame KRN-KR **37.Ne6 Rb5 38.b4 c6 39.Nd4 Rd5 40.Re1 c5**

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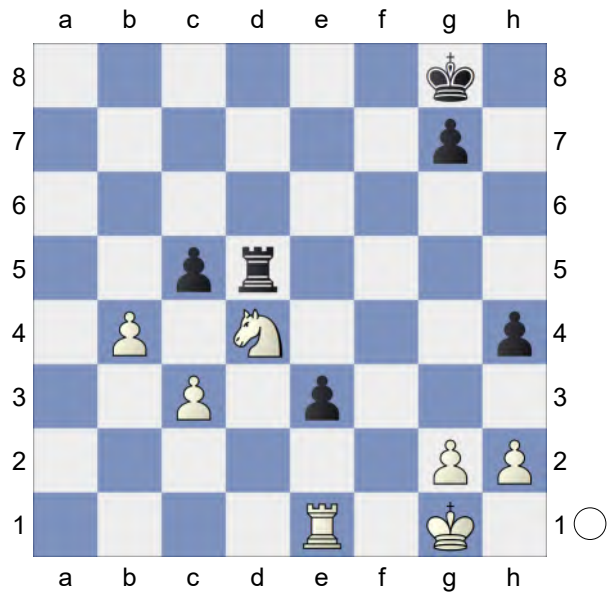
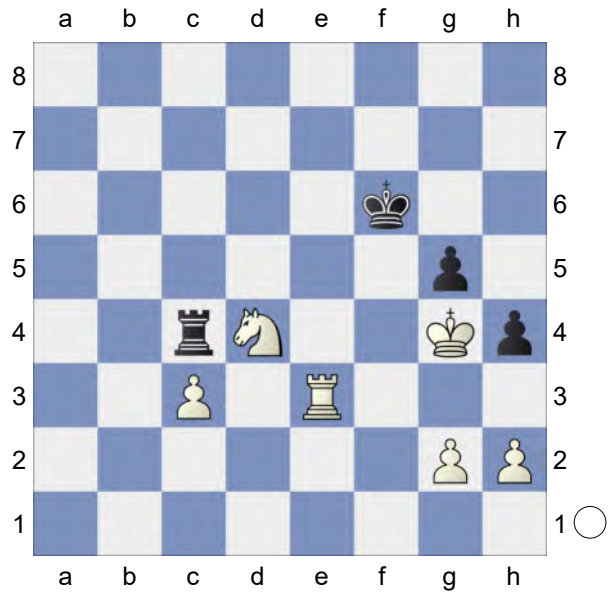
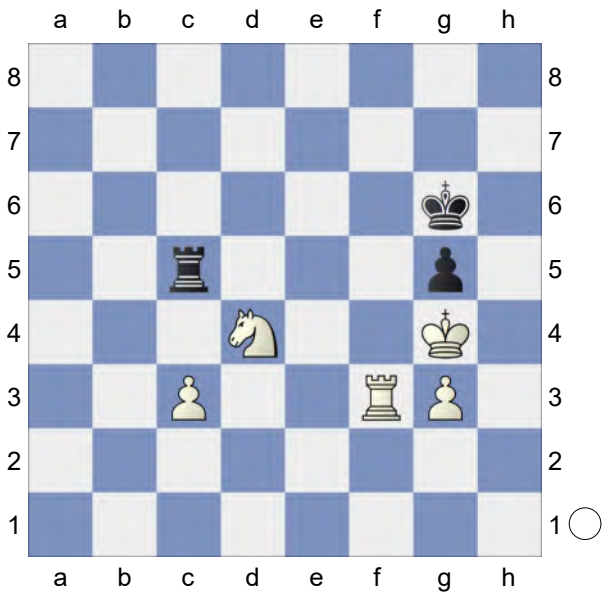


41.bxc5 Rxc5 42.Rxe3 Kf7 43.Kf2 g5 44.Kf3 Kf6 45.Kg4 Rc4

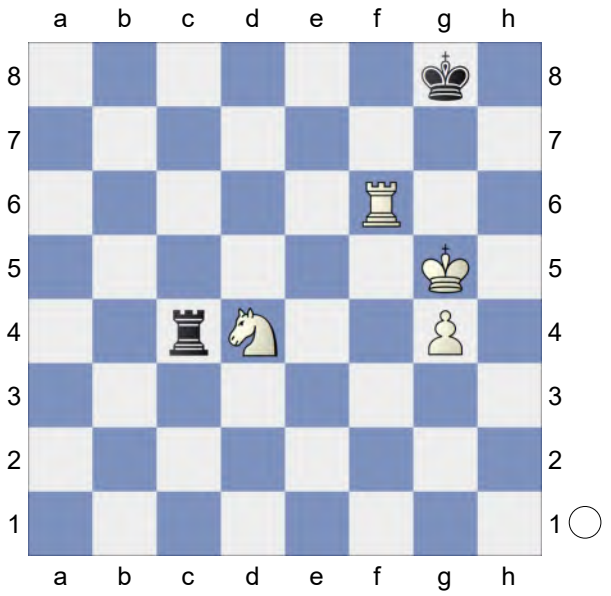


46.Re6+ Kf7 47.Re3 Kf6 48.Rf3+ Kg6 49.g3 hxg3 50.hxg3 Rc5

(Diagram)

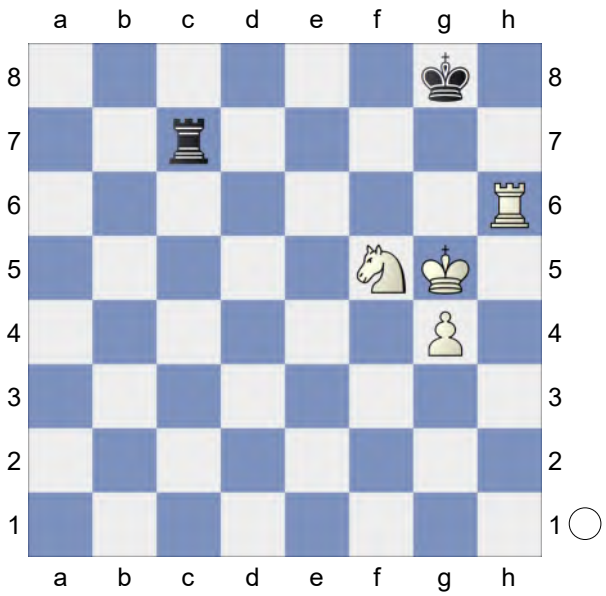


51.Re3 Rc4 52.Re6+ Kf7 53.Kxg5 Rxc3 54.g4 Rc4 55.Rf6+ Kg8



56.Nf5 Rc7 57.Rd6 14.70/25
[⌓57.Kg6 #5/22 Rc8 58.Ne7+ Kh8 59.Nxc8 Kg8 60.Ne7+ Kh8 61.Rf8#]
57...Kf7 58.Nh6+ Kg7 59.Nf5+ Kf7 60.Rh6 Kg8

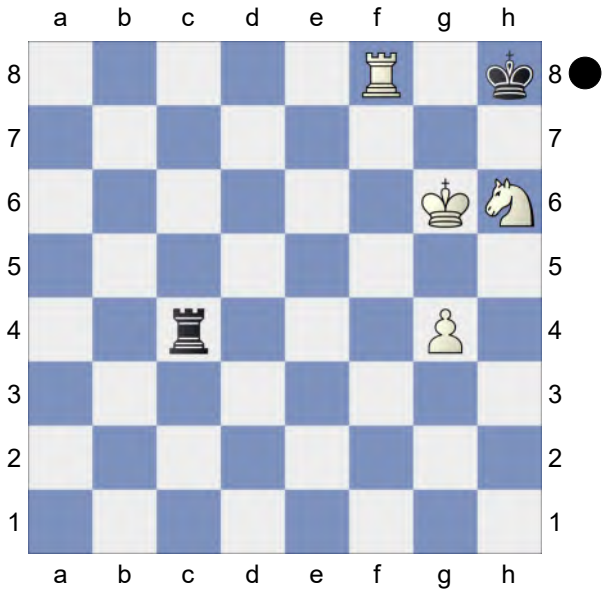
(Diagram)



Dodges Rh7 **61.Rg6+ Kf8 62.Rf6+ Kg8 63.Kg6** White mates. **63...Rc4 64.Nh6+ Kh8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.43

65.Rf8#



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69 **C82**

□ **Kalchev,Borislav Emilov** **2368**

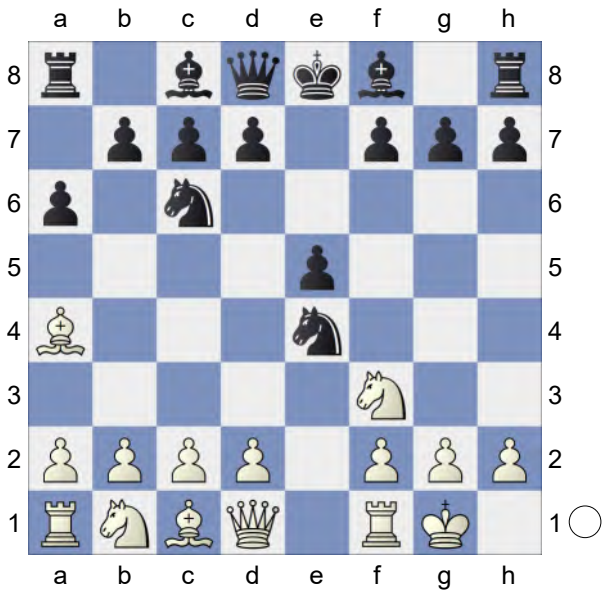
■ **Ivanov,Alexandr Sergeevich** **2498**

Danube tt4 email 01.02.2012

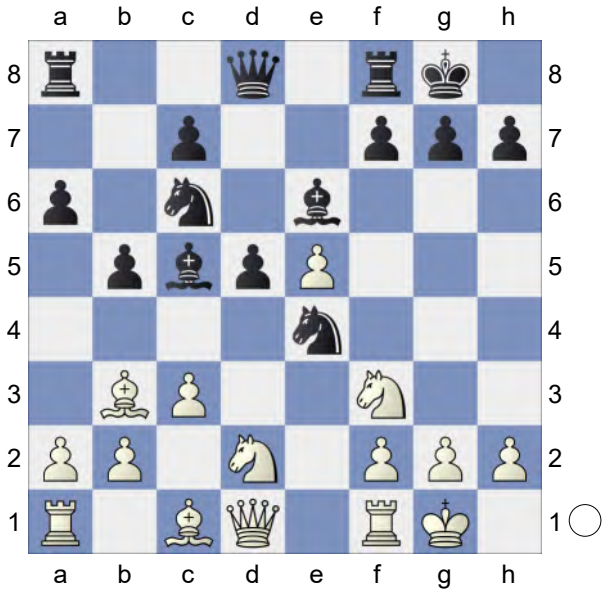
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

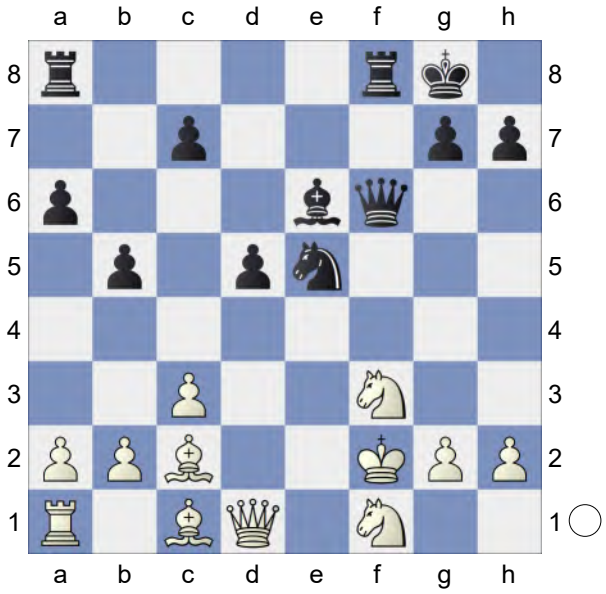
53/(332) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**



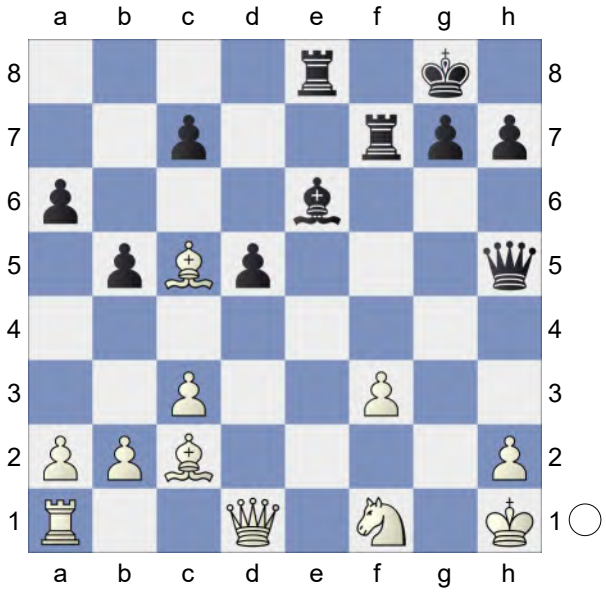
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

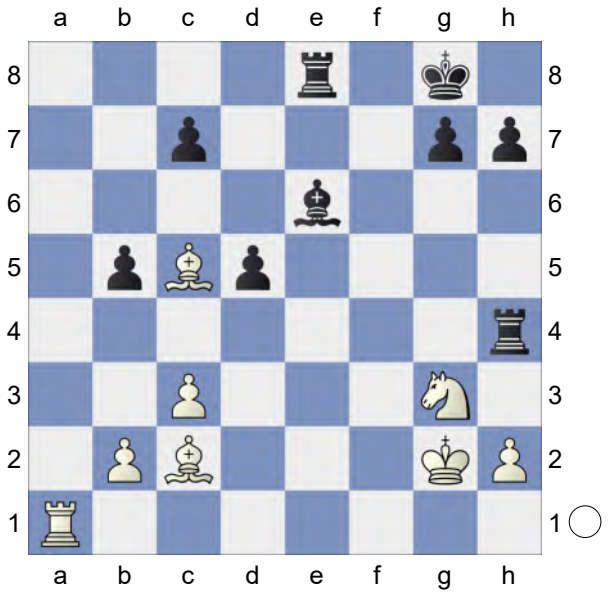


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7 19.Kg2 Dancing on a razor blade.
19...Qg5+ 20.Kh1
[20.Ng3 d4 *(20...g6 21.Qd4 Bd7 22.Rf1 Rf4 23.Qd3 Rh4 24.Rh1 c6 25.Kf2 Qh6 26.Nf1 Qc1 27.Qd2 Qxb2 28.Bd3 Qxd2+ 29.Nxd2 a5 30.Nb3 b4 31.cxb4 axb4 32.Kg3 Rh3+ 33.Kg2 Ra8 34.Ra1 Rh4 35.a3* 0-1 (69) Boulos,C (2440)-Eyabrev (2545) 73/(312) Budapest 1998 (2) *)* 21.Bxd4 *(21.Qxd4 Rd7∓)* 21...c5∓ 22.Bf2 Rxf3 23.Be4 Bh3+ 24.Kxh3 Rxf2 25.Qd5+ Qxd5 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.b3 Re3 28.a4 g6 29.axb5 axb5 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Ra7+ Kh6 32.Kg4 Rf8 33.h4 Rxc3 34.Ne4 Rcf3 35.Rxh7+ Kxh7 36.Ng5+ Kh6 1-0 (72) Gantner,L (2154)-Chitrit,N (1812) Syre Memorial op 36th 2013 (6)]
20...Qh5N
[20...d4 21.Bxd4 *(21.Qxd4 Rxf3 22.Be4 Rf4 23.Re1 Rxe4 24.Rxe4 Bd5* Gruenfeld,Y (2505)-Mikhalevski,V (2300) (ch) 53/(332) 1991*)* 21...Bd5 22.Bb3 c5 23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Bf2 *(24.Bg1 Qc6 25.Kg2 Ref8 26.Ne3 Rd7 27.Qe2 Rd2* 0-1 Flores,D-Papp,G World Junior Championship, Athens 2001 *)* 24...Qxf3+ 25.Qxf3 Rxf3 26.Bxc5 Re2 27.Rb1 h5 28.Ng3 Rc2 29.Bg1 h4 30.Ne4 Re2 31.Nc5 g5 32.Rd1 Rxb2 33.Nxa6 g4 34.Rd4 g3 35.Rg4+ (37) Chapter-Games Chapter 3 Game 4]

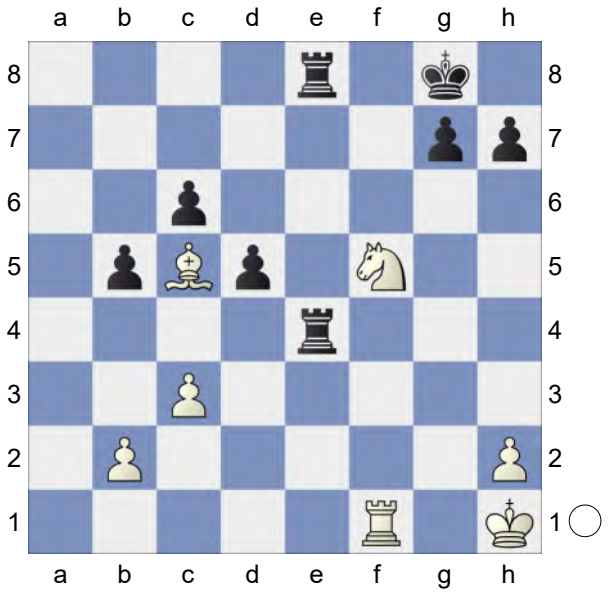


Threatens to win with ...d4!. **21.Ng3! Qxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Rxf3 23.Kg2** Prevents Bh3+ **23...Rf4 24.a4** White has compensation. **24...Rh4 25.axb5 axb5**

(Diagram)

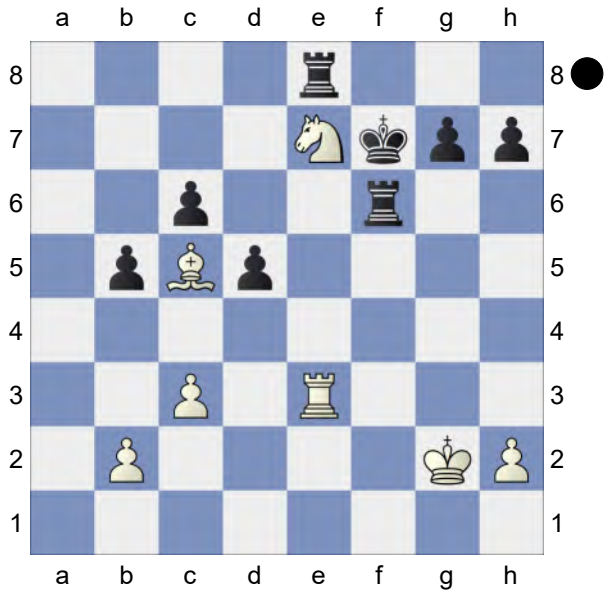


26.Bd3 A strong pair of Bishops.
26...Bh3+ 27.Kh1 c6 28.Nf5 Rg4
29.Bf1 Repels Bg2+
[29.Ne7+ Rxe7 30.Bxh7+ *(30.Bxe7 Bg2+ 31.Kg1 Be4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *32.Kf2 Bxd3-+)* 30...Kxh7-+]
29...Bxf1 30.Rxf1 Rge4



Repels Ne7+ **31.Rf3 R4e6 32.Kg2**
The position is equal. **32...Rf6 33.Ne7+ Kf7**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

34.Re3



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70 **C82**
□ **Lippert,Daniel** **2128**
■ **Goldenstein,A** **1856**
Open 2024 Leer GER (2.23) 31.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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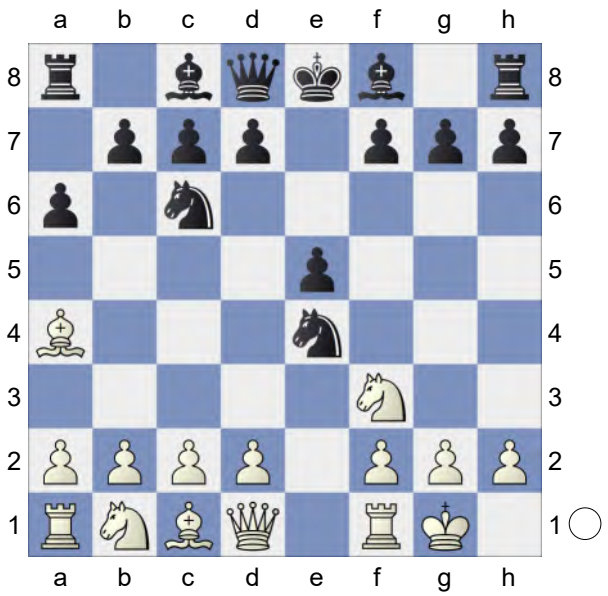
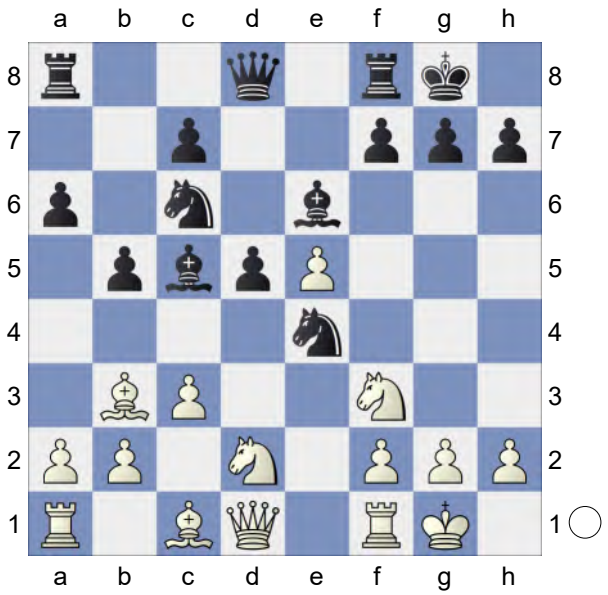
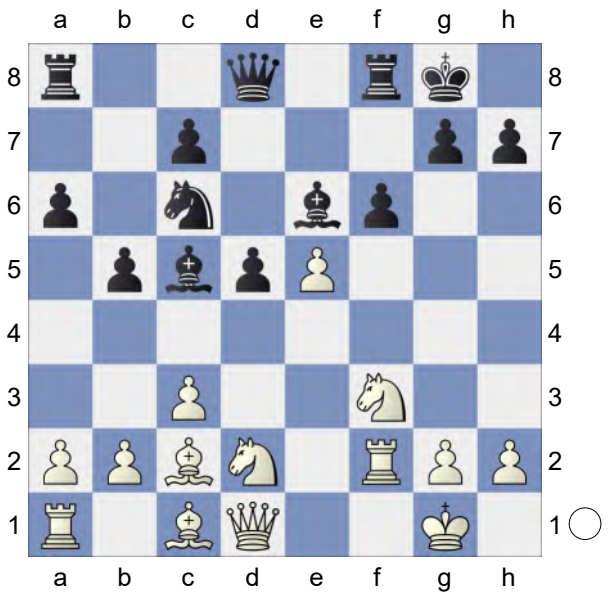


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



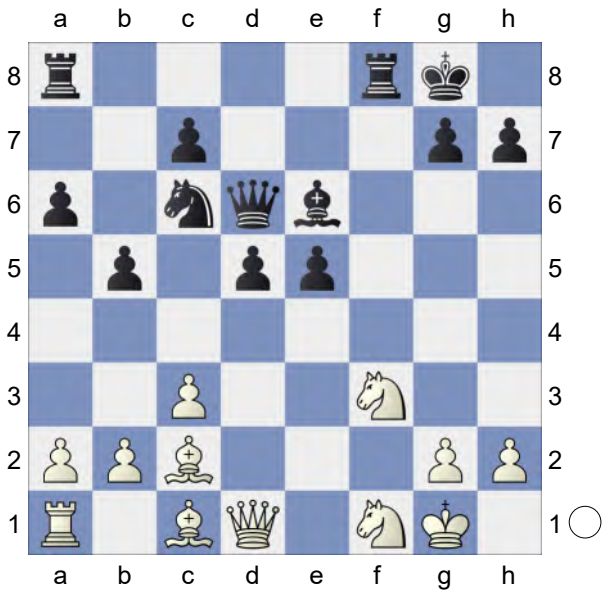
11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

(Diagram)



13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 White has an edge. **15...Qd6** 0.63/19

[15...Bg4= 0.27/18]



16.Ng5 0.04/19

[White should play 16.Be3± 0.63/19 Bf5 *(16...Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 e4 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Rdf8 23.Rd2 Qb4 24.a3 Qb3 25.h3 R5f7 26.Ng3 Rf6 27.Kh2 a5 28.Nh5 Rf5 29.Ng3 R5f6 30.Nh5 Rf5 31.Ng3* ½-½ (32) Nepomniachtchi,I (2757)-Erigaisi,A

(2782) 2nd UzChess Cup Masters 2025 (3.3)) 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7 20.Re1 Kh8 21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 Be4 23.N1d2 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 e4 25.Qxd6 Nxd6 26.Nd4 Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4 28.b4 cxb3 29.axb3 a5 30.Nc6 Ra8 31.Ra1 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2859)-Le, Q (2728) Meltwater Tour Final 2022 rapid (5.7)]

16...Bf5= 17.Bxf5N

[17.Bb3 Ne7 18.Ng3 c6 19.Qe2 Kh8 20.Bd2 h6 21.Re1 e4 22.Qh5 Bg6 23.Qh3 Nf5 24.Nxf5 Bxf5 25.Qh4 Qe7 26.Nf3 Qxh4 27.Nxh4 Bh7 28.g3 g5 29.Ng2 Kg7 30.Be3 Bf5 31.Bc5 Rf7 (39) Chapter C75-Games Chapter C75 Game 2 32.Bd1 Kg6 33.h4 Bh3 34.h5+ Kh7 35.Ne3 Bd7 36.Ng4 Re8 37.Rf1 Rxf1+ 38.Kxf1 Bxg4 39.Bxg4 Model Games-Maxime Vachier Lagrave Vs An,B]

17...Rxf5 18.Nf3 -0.54/21

[18.Ng3= 0.01/19 Rf6 19.Qe2]

18...Ne7 0.35/18

[18...e4∓ -0.54/21 19.Nd4 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 c5]

19.Bg5 -0.25/19

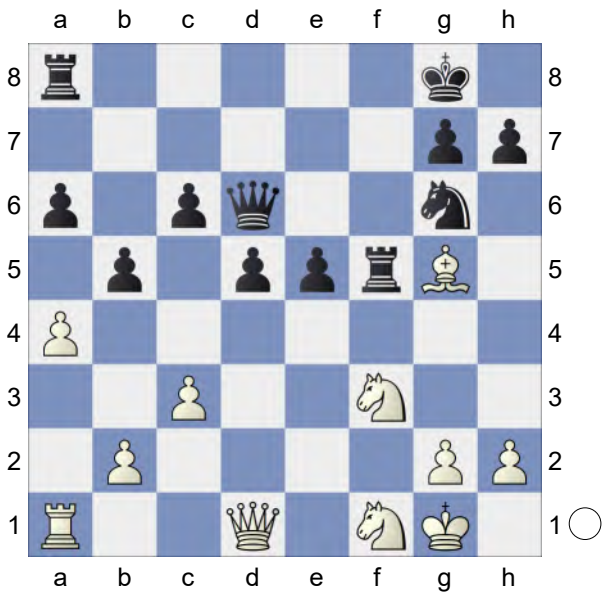
[19.Be3± 0.35/18]

19...c6 0.16/19

[⌓19...Rf7 -0.25/19]

20.a4 And now axb5 would win. White has compensation. **20...Ng6**

(Diagram)

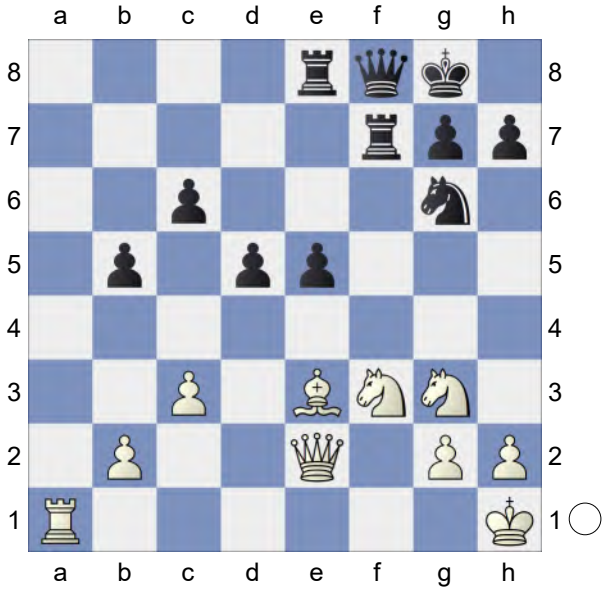


21.Ng3 -0.45/19

[21.axb5= 0.29/20 Qc5+ 22.Kh1]

21...Qc5+∓ 22.Kh1 Rf7 23.Qe2 Re8 24.axb5 axb5 25.Be3 Qf8 1.70/21

[25...Qc4∓ -0.39/19 keeps the upper hand.]



26.Qd2? -1.08/21

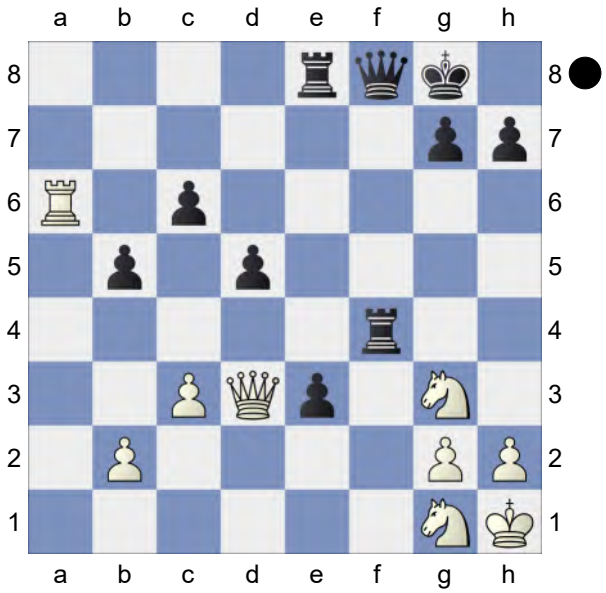
[26.Ng5!+- 1.70/21]

26...Nf4 0.27/17

[26...Rxf3!∓ -1.08/21 27.gxf3 Qxf3+ 28.Kg1 d4 29.cxd4 exd4]

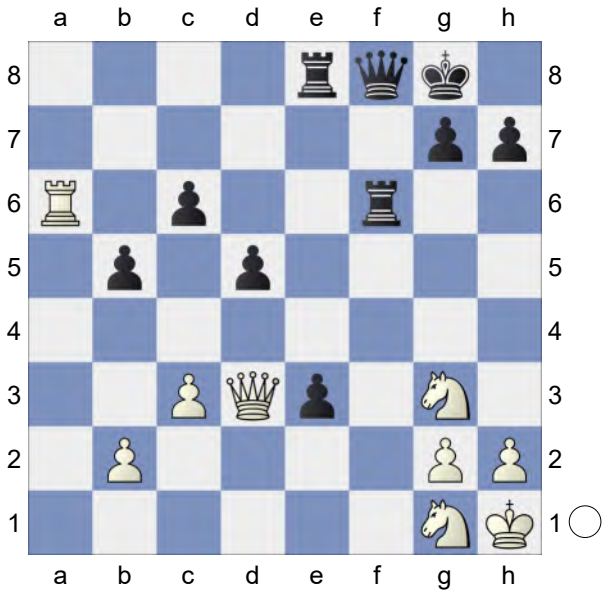
27.Bxf4 -0.16/22

[⌓27.b4 0.27/17]
27...Rxf4= 28.Ra6 -0.54/21
[28.b4= -0.16/19]
28...e4 29.Ng1 e3↑ Black is more active. Black continues to play with concentration. **30.Qd3** -2.33/20
[30.Qd1∓ -0.48/19]

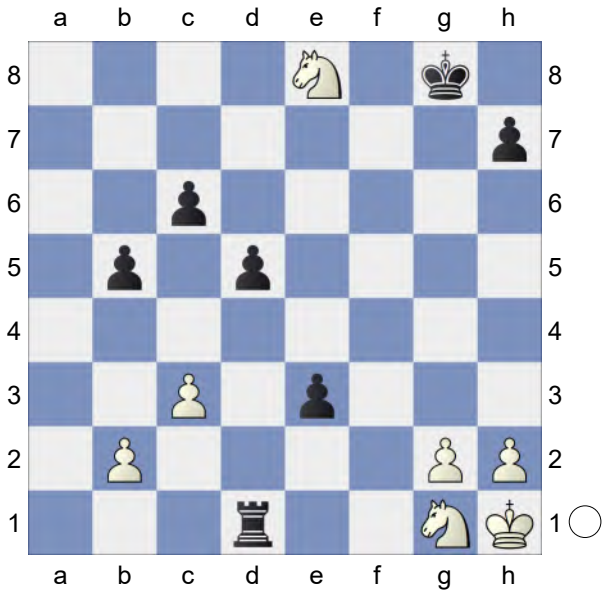


30...Rf6? -0.60/18
[30...Rf2!-+ -2.33/20 ...Rd2 is the strong threat. 31.Rxc6 Rd2 32.Qxb5 e2 33.N3xe2 *(33.N1xe2 Rd1+ 34.Ng1 Qf2-+)* 33...Rexe2]

(Diagram)

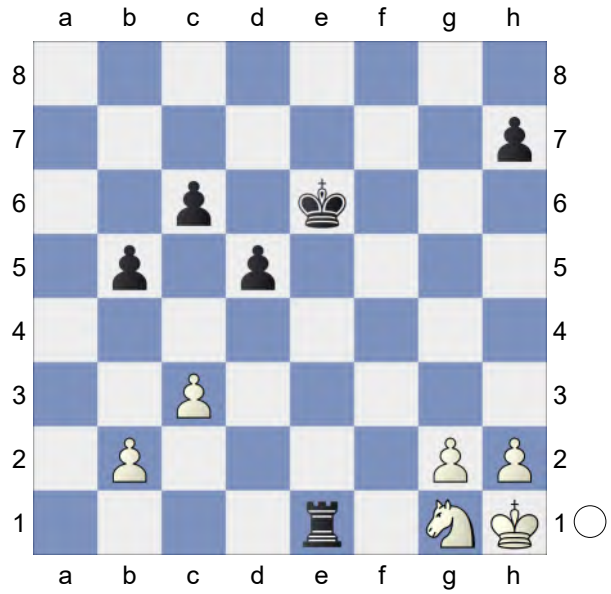


31.Ra7? -2.34/18
[31.N3e2∓ -0.60/18]
31...Rf2-+ 32.Nh5? -6.39/20
[32.N3e2 -2.34/18]
32...Rd2 Black is clearly winning.
[Stronger than 32...Rxb2 33.Rxg7+ *(33.Nxg7? too greedy. Qf2-+)* 33...Qxg7 34.Nxg7=]
33.Rxg7+ Qxg7 34.Nxg7 Rxd3 35.Nxe8 Rd1



36.Nf6+ Kf7 (-> ...e2) **37.Ng4 e2** (-> ...Rxg1+!) **38.Ne5+ Ke6** (-> ...Rxg1+) **39.Nef3 e1Q 40.Nxe1**

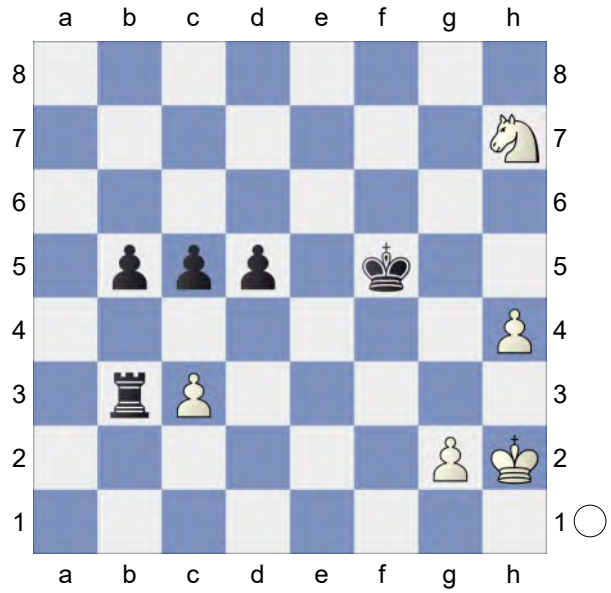
Rxe1



KR-KN **41.h4 Rb1 42.Kh2 Rxb2 43.Nf3 c5 44.Ng5+ Kf5 45.Nxh7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.98/ Black=0.36

45...Rb3



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71 **C82**

□ **Allahverdiyeva,Ayan** **2055**

■ **Dushyant,Sharma** **2355**

Baku Open 2023 (7.37) 10.05.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

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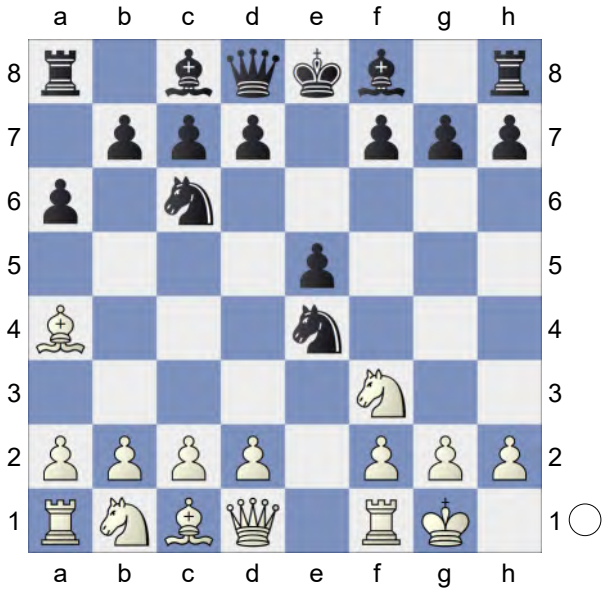

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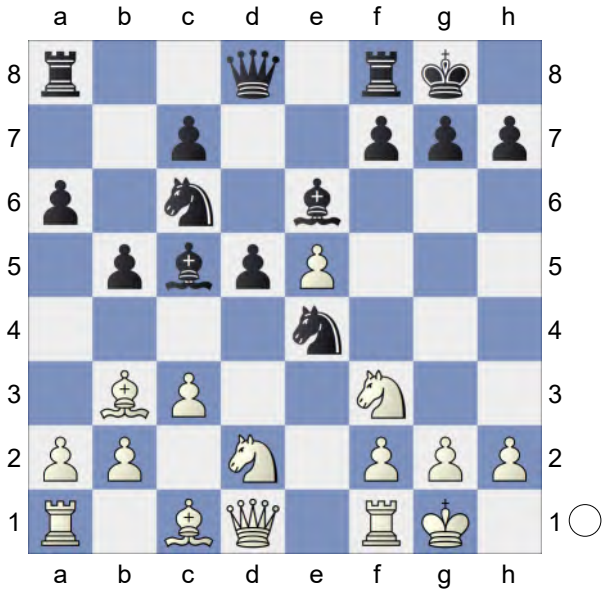
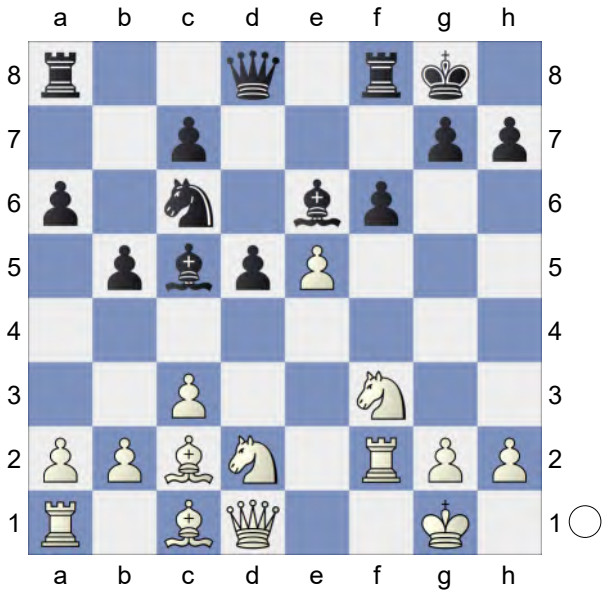
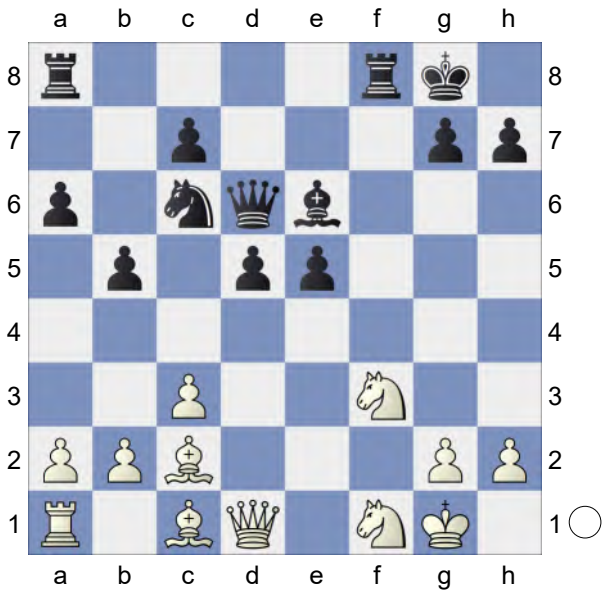


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6



13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 Hoping for ...e4. **15.Kg1** White is slightly better. **15...Qd6**



16.Be3 White has compensation. **16...h6**

[16...Bf5 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7 20.Re1 Kh8 21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 Be4 23.N1d2 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 e4 25.Qxd6 Nxd6 26.Nd4 Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4 28.b4 cxb3 29.axb3 a5 30.Nc6 Ra8 31.Ra1 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2859)-Le,Q (2728) Meltwater Tour Final 2022 rapid (5.7)]

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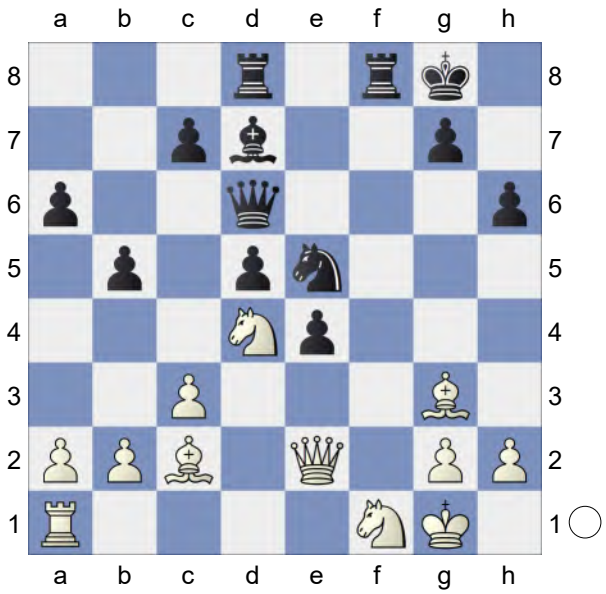
17.Bf2 Rad8 18.Qe2 e4N

[18...d4 19.Qe1 Bf5 20.Bb3+ Kh8 21.N1d2 dxc3 22.bxc3 Bh7 23.Ne4 Qg6 24.Nfd2 Ne7 9.c3 Bc5 | Repertoire 1-10.Nbd2 #2]

19.Nd4 Ne5 20.Bg3 aiming for Qh5. **20...Bd7**

[20...c5? 21.Bxe5 Qxe5 22.Nc6±]



21.Ne3 c5 1.71/20

[21...Rde8± 0.72/22]

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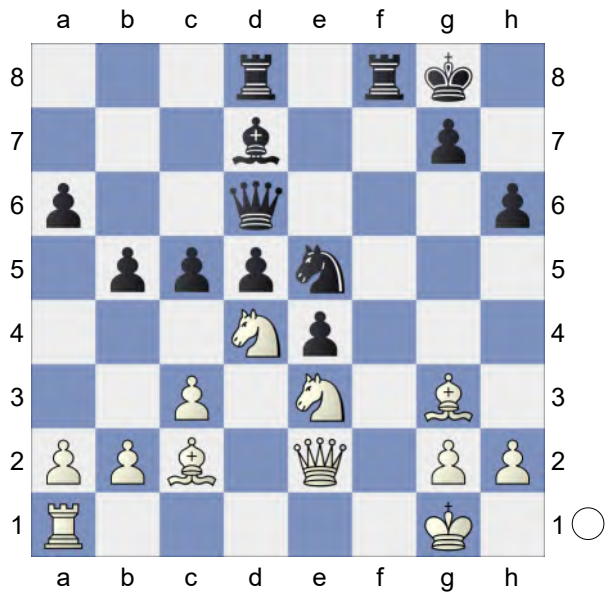
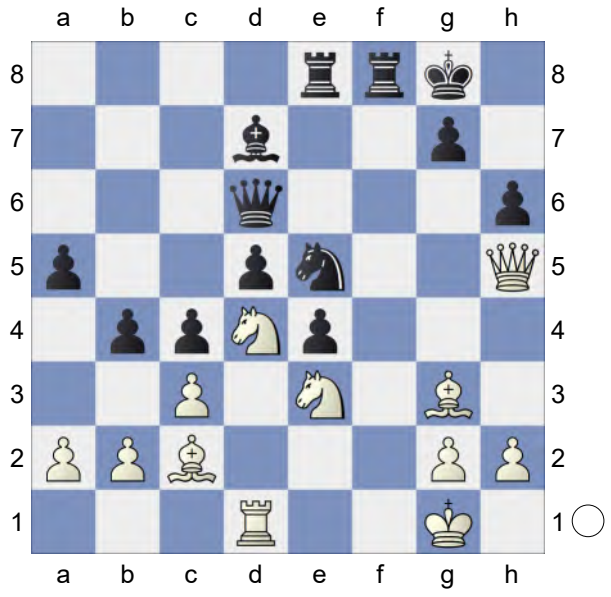
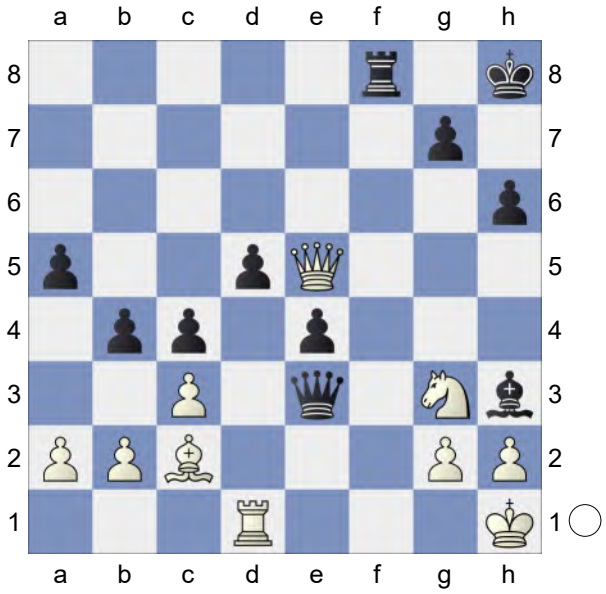


22.Bb3 1.23/20 **c4** 1.65/20
[22...cxd4? 23.cxd4 Be6 24.Bxe5+- *(24.dxe5 Qb6±)*]
[22...Kh8± 1.23/20]
23.Qh5+- Rde8 24.Bc2 a5 25.Rd1 1.24/18
[25.a3+- 1.83/19]
25...b4±



26.Kh1 White is more active. **26...Kh8** 1.88/18
[26...Qf6± 1.48/20]
27.Ne2 1.12/18 Excellent horsemanship.
[Better is 27.h3+- 1.88/18]
27...Qc5 28.Bxe5
[28.Rxd5? Qxe3 29.Nf4 Bg4-+ *(29...Rxf4? 30.Qd1-+)*]
[28.Nxd5? Bg4-+]
28...Rxe5 2.59/20
[28...Qxe3± 1.11/21 might work better. 29.Bd4 *(29.Rxd5? Rf1+; 29.Nf4 Kg8=)* 29...Qg5 30.Qxg5 hxg5]
29.Qxe5+- Qxe3 30.Ng3
[30.Qxd5? Qxe2 31.h3 Qxc2-+]
This costs Black the game. **30...Bh3?** 3.93/21
[30...Qf2± 1.57/19]



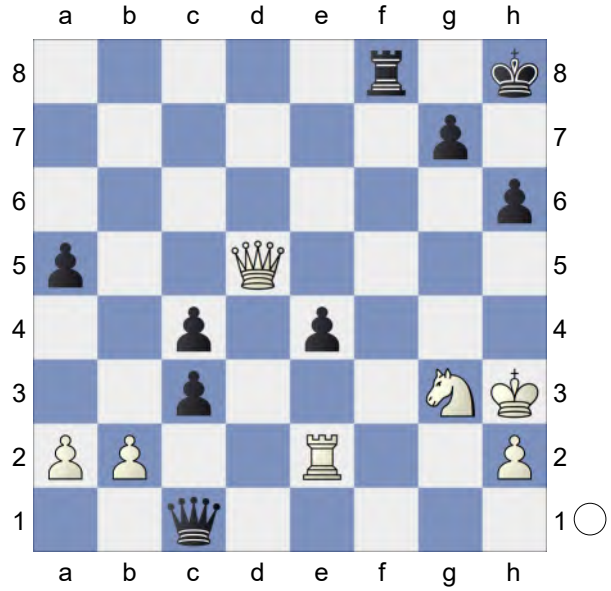
31.Qxd5
[31.gxh3 Qf3+ 32.Kg1 b3 33.axb3 *(33.Rf1? Qe3+ 34.Kg2 Rxf1-+)* 33...cxb3 34.Bxb3 *(34.Rf1? Qxf1+ 35.Nxf1 bxc2-+)* 34...Qe3+ 35.Kh1 Qf3+ 36.Kg1 Qf2+ 37.Kh1 Qf3+ 38.Kg1=]
[31.Nh5 Bxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Rf2+ 33.Kg1 Rxc2+ 34.Kh1 Qf3+ 35.Kg1 Qxd1#]
31...Bxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Qf2+ 33.Kh3 Qxc2 34.Rd2 Prevents e3
[34.Nxe4 Qxb2 35.Qxc4 *(35.Qxa5*

bxc3 36.Qc5 Rf3+ 37.Ng3 Qe2=) 35...bxc3±]

34...Qc1 35.Re2

[35.Nxe4 Qf1+ 36.Rg2 Qf3+ 37.Rg3 Qf1+ 38.Rg2 Qf3+ 39.Rg3 Qf1+ 40.Rg2=]

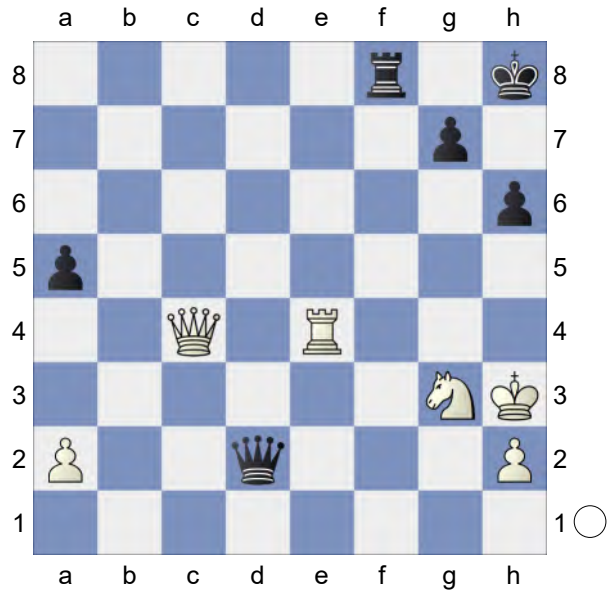
35...bxc3



36.bxc3

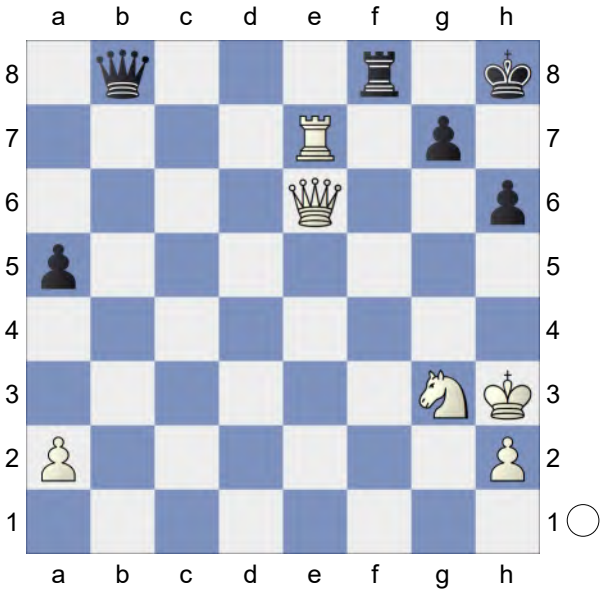
[36.Qxe4? too greedy. cxb2-+]

36...Qxc3 37.Rxe4 Rc8 38.Qd7 Rf8 39.Qe6 Qb2 40.Qxc4 Qd2



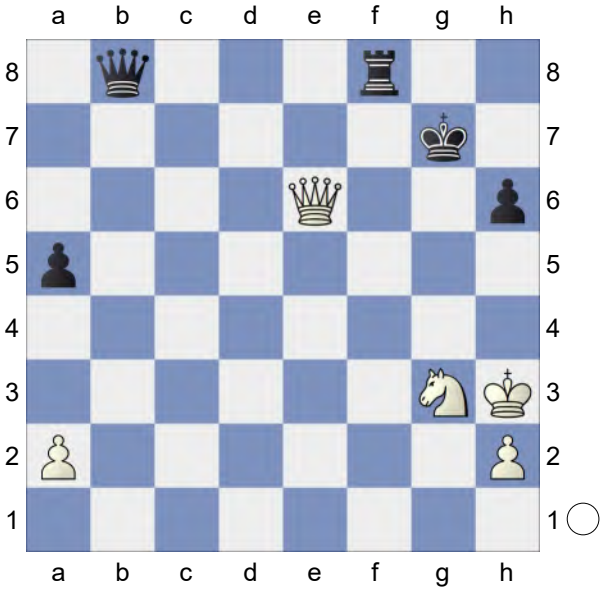
41.Re7 Against Qd7+ **41...Qd8 42.Qe6 Qb8?** 9.57/20

[42...Qc8 3.48/19 43.Kg4 *(43.Qxc8 Rxc8 44.Re5 a4+-)* 43...Qc5]



43.Rxg7! Decoy **43...Kxg7**

[43...Qc8 44.Rd7]



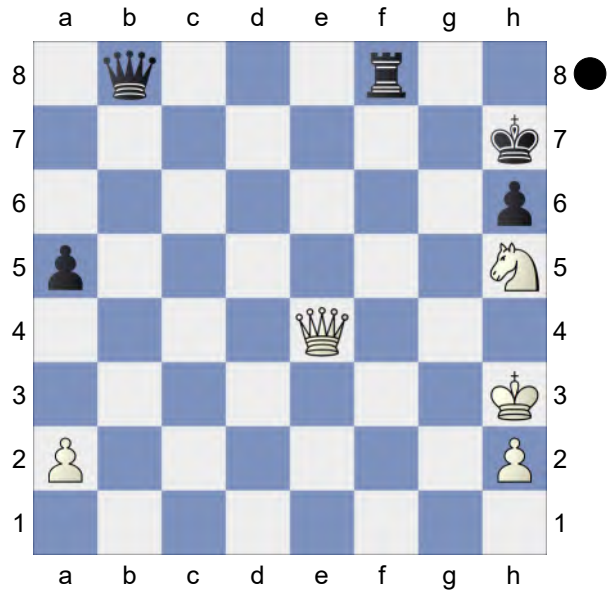
44.Nh5+!

[And not 44.Nf5+ Rxf5 45.Qxf5 Qd6=]

44...Kh7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.58

45.Qe4+



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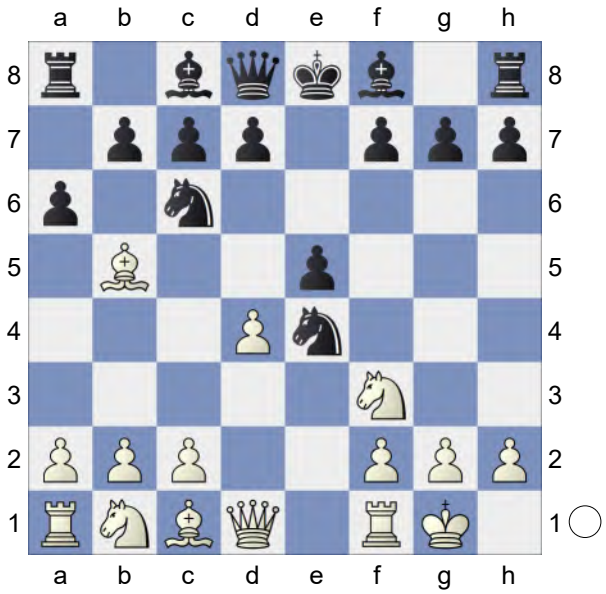
72 **C82**
□ **Zielinski,Sergej** **2483**
■ **Schuster,Peter** **2446**
corr RSS7E high 23.08.2005
[Kitty Kat]

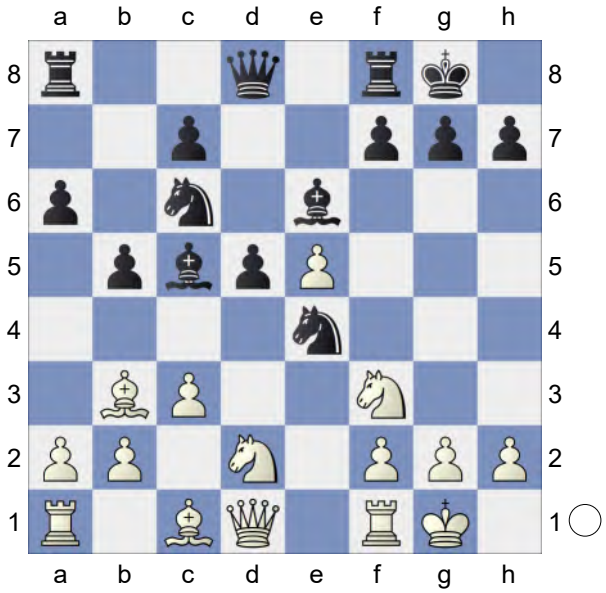
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 a6

(Diagram)

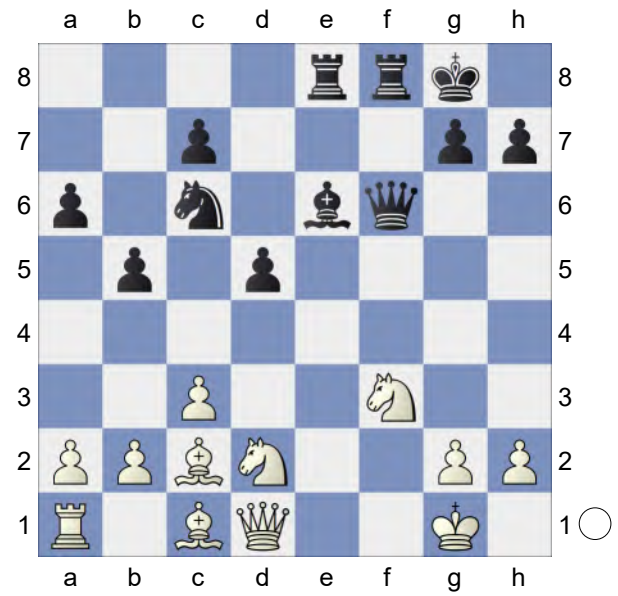


6.Ba4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

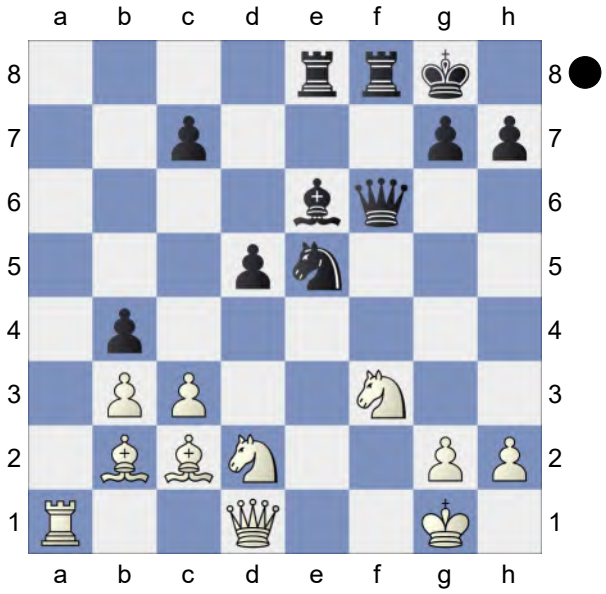


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Kg1 -0.28/19
[⌓15.Nf1! 0.23/21]
15...Rae8!=

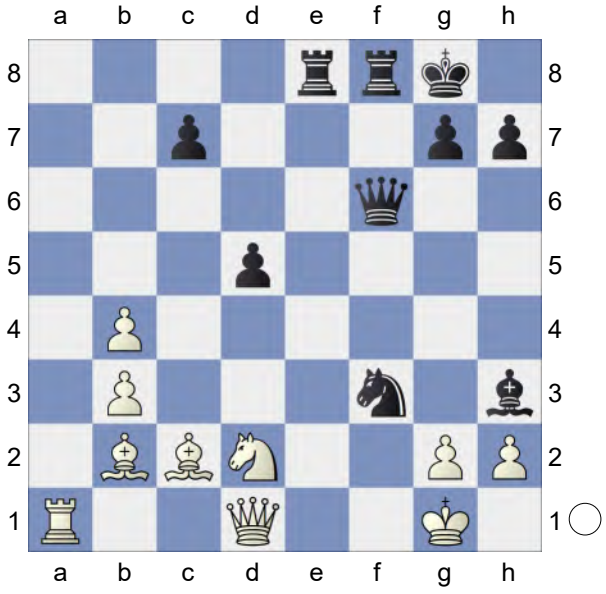
(Diagram)



16.a4 -0.58/22
[16.Nf1= -0.22/22 Ne5 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 *(18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3=)* 18...Qxf3 19.Qxf3 Rxf3 20.Bd4]
[16.h3 Bxh3 17.Nf1 Ne5 18.N1h2 Qb6+ 19.Nd4 Bg4 20.Nxg4 Nxg4 21.Bg5 h5 22.Qd3 Re4 23.b4 Qd6 24.Qh3 Qe5 25.Bxe4 Qxg5 26.Bh7+ Kh8 27.Ne6 Qf6 28.Bf5 Qxf5 29.Nxf8 1-0 Amonatov,F (2610)-Hansen,S (2595) Baku ol (Men) 42nd 2016 (7.1)]
16...Ne5∓ 17.axb5 axb5 0.00/18
[17...Bg4∓ -0.42/20 18.Rxa6 *(18.bxa6 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Nxf3=)* 18...Qf4]
18.b3N -1.86/18
[18.h3!= 0.00/18 Bd7 19.Kh1 c6 20.Qf1 h6 21.Bd1 c5 22.Qg1 Nd3 23.Bc2 Re1 24.Nxe1 Nf2+ 25.Kh2 Ng4+ 26.Kh1 Nf2+ Chapter-Games Chapter 3 Game 8]
[18.Nxe5 Qf2+ 19.Kh1 Bh3 20.gxh3 Rxe5 9.c3 Bc5 | Repertoire 1-10.Nbd2 #5]
18...b4-+ 19.Bb2 -3.22/20
[19.cxb4? loses. Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Qxa1-+]
[⌓19.Nf1 -1.81/19]

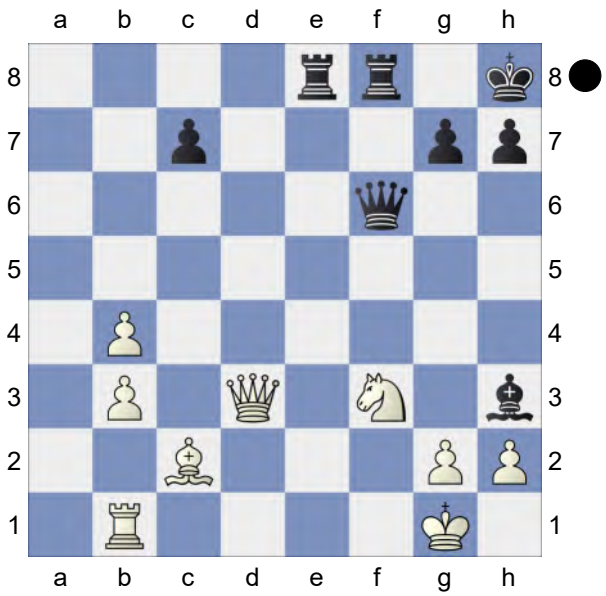


19...Bh3! Deflection **20.cxb4 Nxf3+**

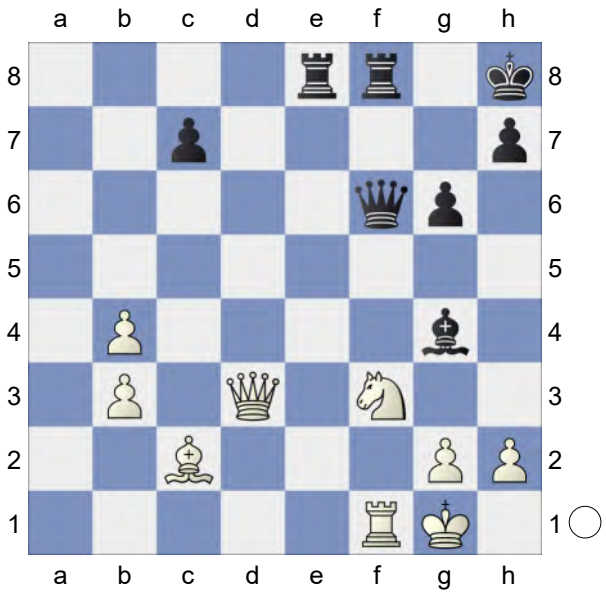


Discovered Attack **21.Nxf3 Qxb2 22.Rb1 Qf6 23.Qxd5+ Kh8 24.Qd3**

(Diagram)

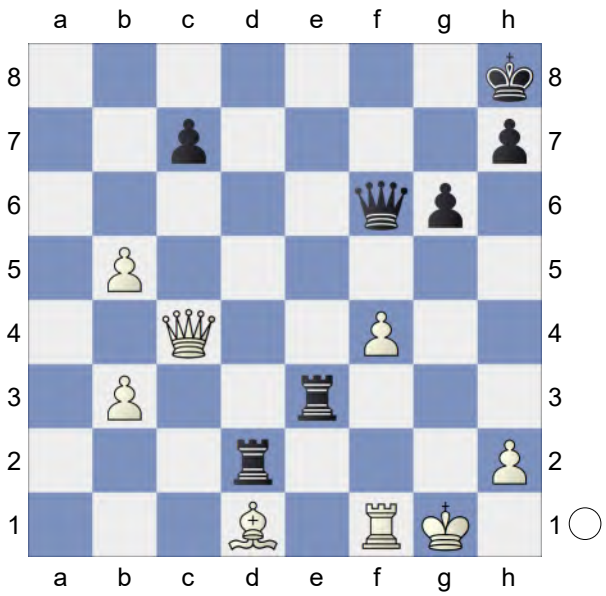


Against Re2 **24...g6**
[Much less strong is 24...Bf5 25.Qxf5 Qxf5 26.Bxf5 Rxf5 27.Rc1]
25.Rf1 Bg4

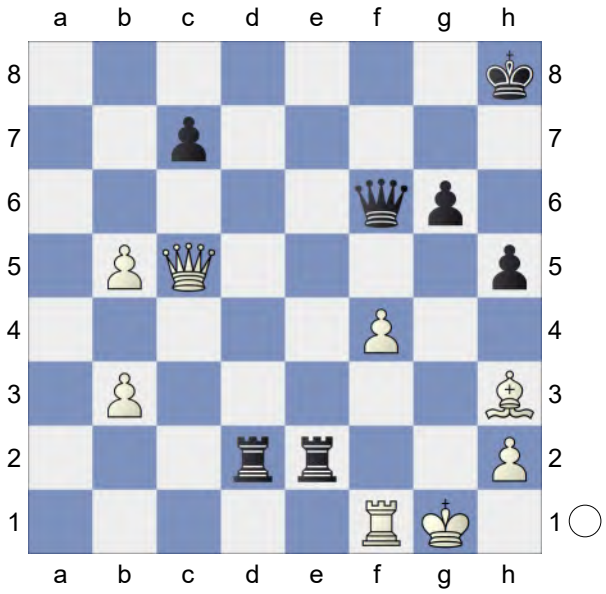


26.b5 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Re6 28.Qc4 Rd8 aiming for ...Rd2. **29.f4 Rd2** Black is clearly winning. **30.Bd1** Wards off Ree2
30...Re3

(Diagram)



Against Bf3. (-> ...Qh4) **31.Qc5 Re4 32.Bg4 h5 33.Bh3** Black took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.04 (flawless)
33...Ree2



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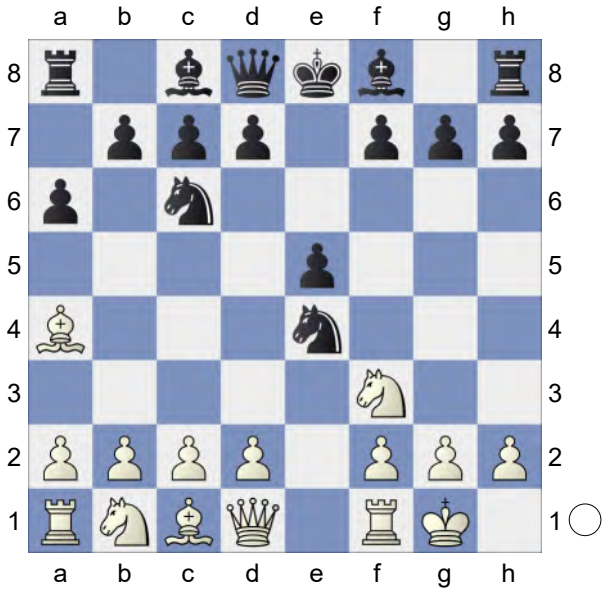
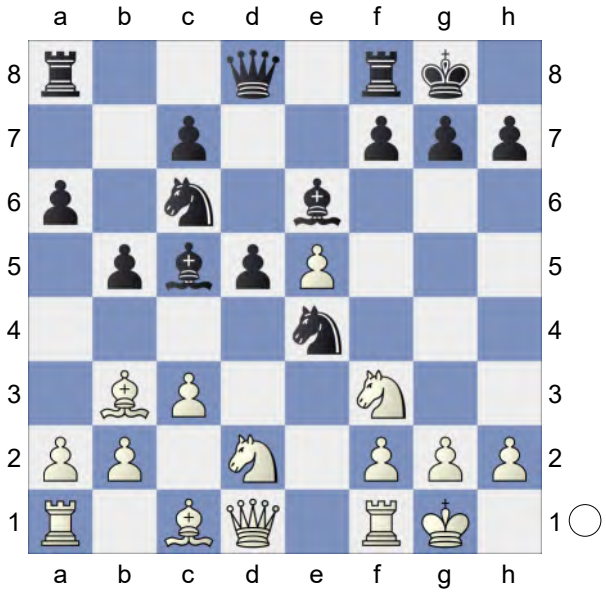
73 **C82**
□ **Gronkowski,Dariusz** **2458**
■ **Johansson,Krister** **2500**
corr World Ch Semifinal 2003/01 01.03.03
[Kitty Kat]

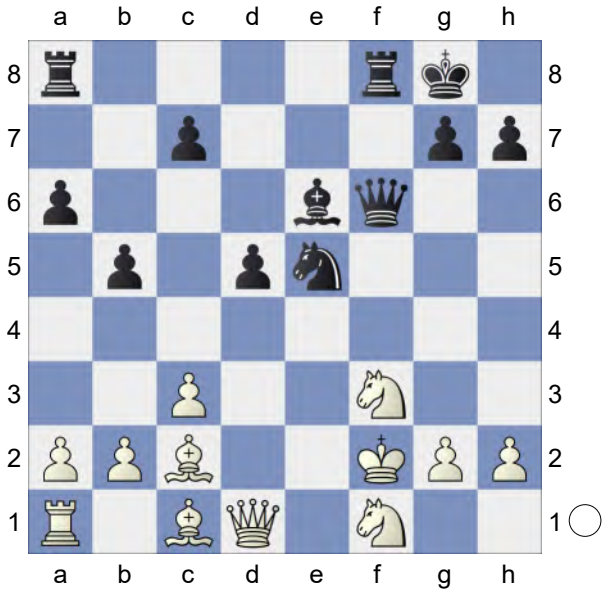
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
Aseev,K: '54/111 ' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

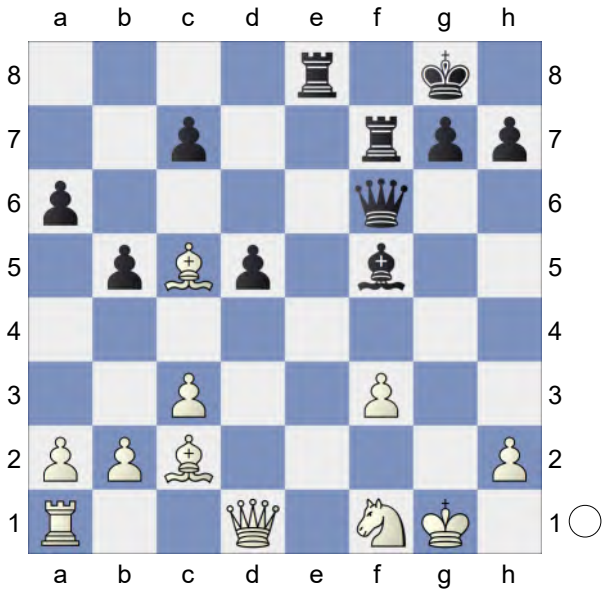


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

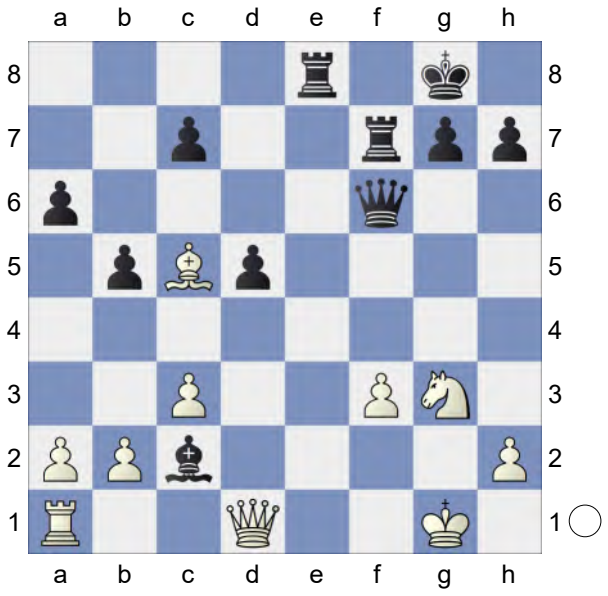


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 This pair of bishops is nice. The position is equal.
17...Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7 19.Kg1 Bf5N
[19...Qxf3 20.Qxf3 Rxf3 21.Re1 Kf7 *(21...g6 22.Re3 Rxe3 23.Nxe3 a5 24.Bd3 c6 25.Kf2 a4 26.Nc2 Bd7 27.Nd4 Kf7 28.Nf3 Bg4 29.Nd4 Bd7 30.b3 axb3 31.axb3 h6 32.Nf3 Bg4 33.Bd4 Bxf3 34.Kxf3 Re1 35.b4 Rh1 36.Kg3* ½-½ (64) Illingworth,M (2489)-Short,N (2664) 15th BCC Open 2015 (7.3)) 22.Nd2 Rf4 23.Bf2 c6 24.Bg3 Rf6 25.Kg2 Bf5 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Bxf5 Rxf5 28.b4 d4 29.cxd4 Ke7 30.Ne4 Ke6 31.Nc3 Rf7 32.a3 g5 33.h3 Kf5 34.Kf3 1-0 (55) Aseev,K (2525)-Hickl,J (2480) 54/111_136539 1991 Kg6+ 35.Kg2 h5 36.Ne4 g4 37.hxg4 hxg4 38.Nd2 Kf5 39.Nb3 Ke4 40.Nc5+ Kxd4 41.Nxa6 Rf3 42.Nb8 Kd5 43.Nd7 Rxa3 44.Nf6+ Kc4 45.Bd6 Rd3 46.Bc5 Rb3 47.Nxg4 Rxb4 48.Bxb4 Kxb4 49.Kf3 ½-½ (55) Aseev,K (2519)-Mikhalevski,V (2531) Beersheba-Peterburg Kings m 1999

(2) Kc3 50.Ke2 b4 51.Kd1 Kb2 52.Ne5 b3 53.Nxc6 Ka1 54.Nd4 b2 55.Nb3+ Ka2 ½-½ Morrison,G (2519)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2528) corr BdF-Zugvogel, PGT-01-G03 2009]



Wards off Qd3 **20.Ng3 Bxc2**



21.Qxc2 Qxf3 22.Rf1 Qg4 23.Rxf7 Kxf7 24.Qxh7 Re2 25.Qd3 Some like it hot **25...Rxb2**

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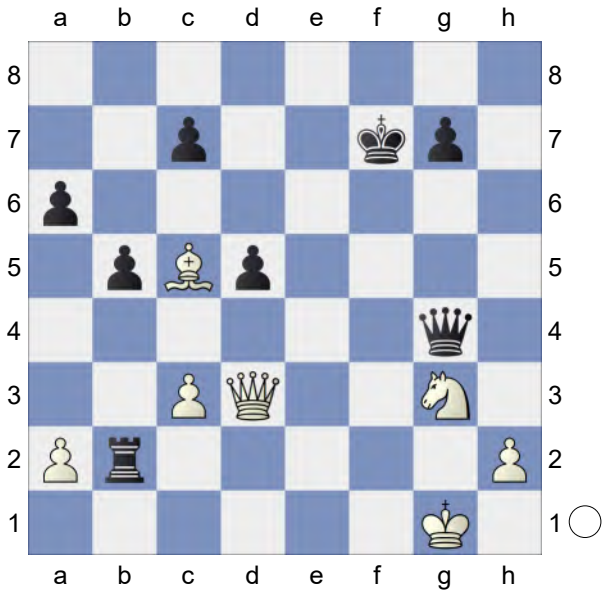
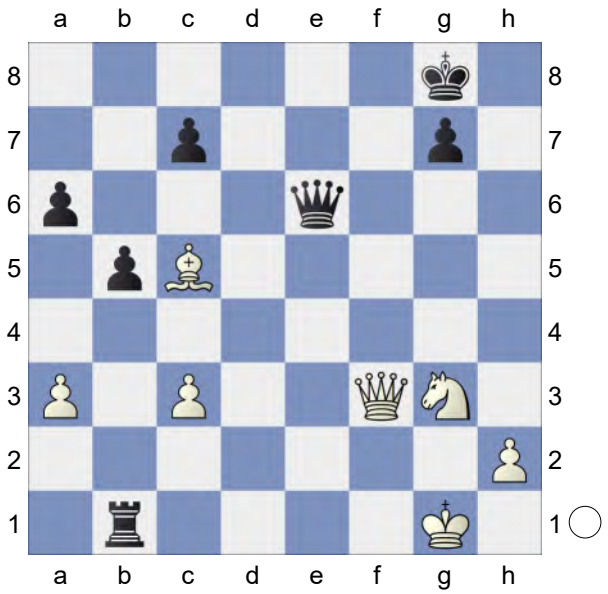
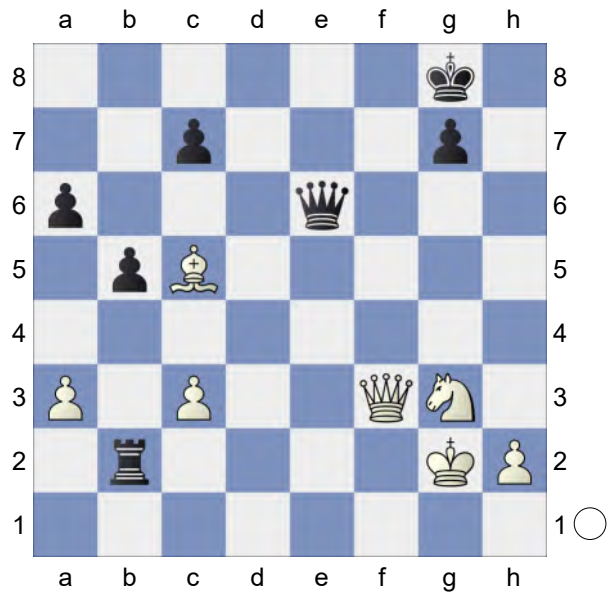


...c6 would now be deadly. **26.Qxd5+ Qe6 27.Qf3+ Kg8 28.a3 Rb1+** Black has compensation. **29.Kg2 Rb2+ 30.Kg1 Rb1+**



31.Kg2 An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
31...Rb2+

(Diagram)



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□ **Wiesinger,Johann** **2117**
■ **Ledford,Steven O** **2314**
CT23 pr 56 ICCF 30.09.2020
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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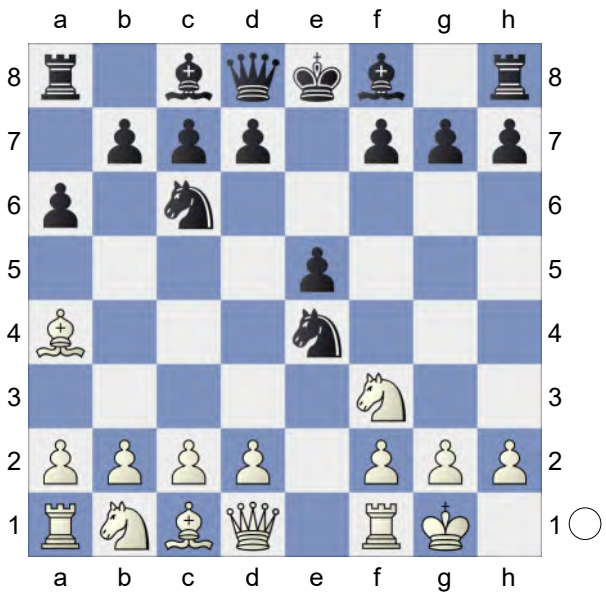
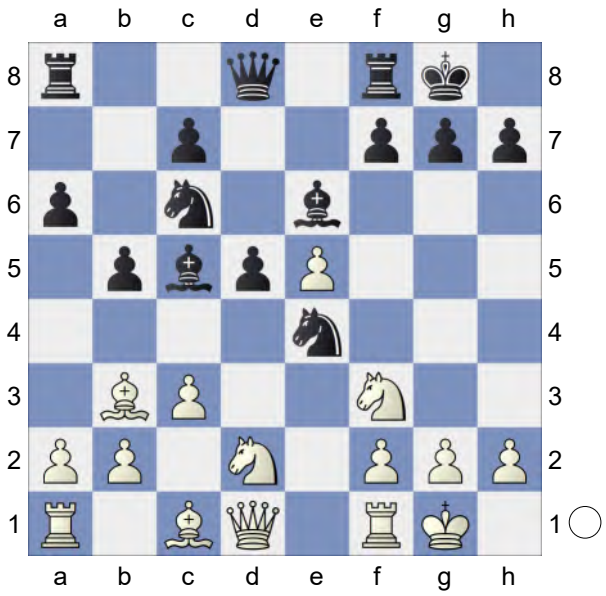


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6

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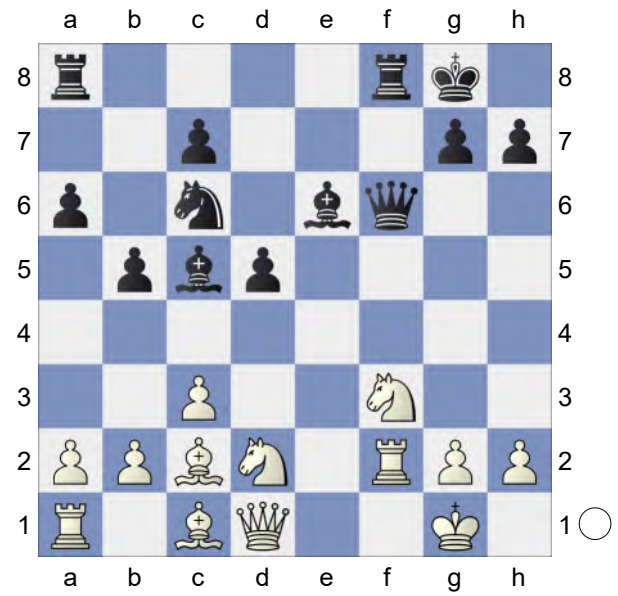
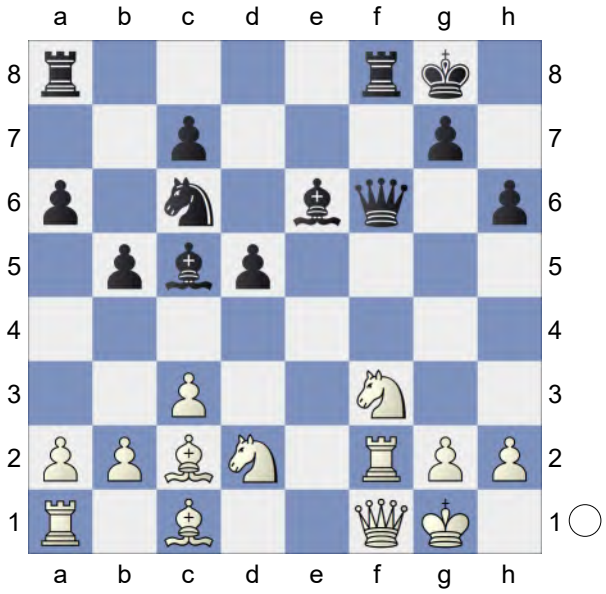


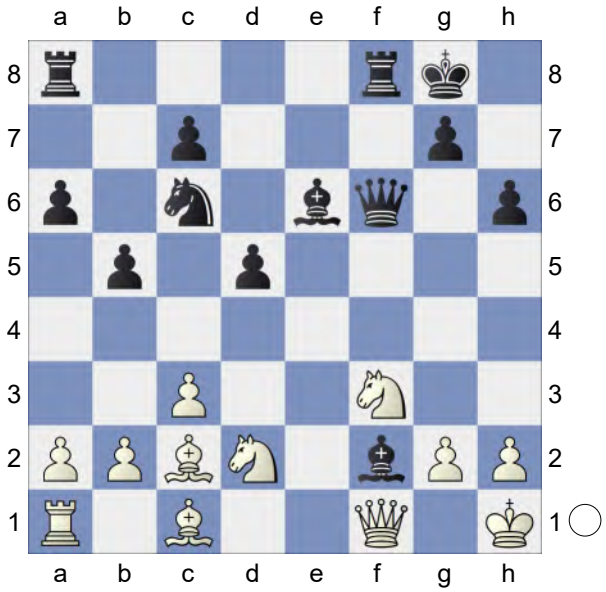
14.Qf1! h6N

[14...Bg4 15.Kh1 Bxf2 16.Qxf2 Rae8 17.Qg3 *(17.h3 Ne5 18.Bd1 Nd3 19.Qg3 Bxf3 20.Nxf3 Re1+ 21.Nxe1 Qf1+ 22.Kh2 Nf2 23.Qe3 Qh1+ 24.Kg3 Ne4+* 0-1 Bhend,E-Grob,H FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1947 *)* 17...Ne5 18.Bd1 h5 19.h4 Nd3 *(19...Nxf3 20.Nxf3 Qf5 21.Bg5 Qd3 22.Qf2 c6 23.Bc2 Qe2 24.Qxe2 Rxe2 25.Nd4 Ref2 26.Kg1 c5 27.Be3 R2f7 28.Nb3 c4 29.Nd4 Re8 30.Bf2 Rfe7 31.a4 Rb7 32.axb5 axb5 33.Bg6 Rf8 34.Nc6* 1-0 (38) Grob,H-Claparede,A FSZ der NZZ corr Switzerland 1945*)* 20.Kh2 Nf4 21.Nb3 Ne2 22.Bg5 Qb6 23.Bxe2 Rxe2 24.Nbd4 Bxf3 25.Nxf3 Qf2 26.Qxf2 Rxf2 27.Nd2 Re2 28.b4 Rff2 29.Rf1 ½-½ (42) Vlasov,I-Golberg,D USSR corr 1946]

[14...Bxf2+ 15.Qxf2 Rae8 16.Qg3 Bf5 17.Bb3 Kh8 18.Nf1 Be4 19.Bg5 Qg6 20.N1d2 Na5 21.Rf1 Nxb3 22.axb3 Bd3 23.Re1 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Rxe1+ 25.Qxe1 Qg6 26.h3 Be4 27.Bh4 h6 28.Nxe4 dxe4 29.Nd2 1-0 (43) Lengyel (2397)-Dubov,D (1985) Antalya 90/(24) 2004 (10)]



15.Kh1 0.22/17 **Bxf2=**



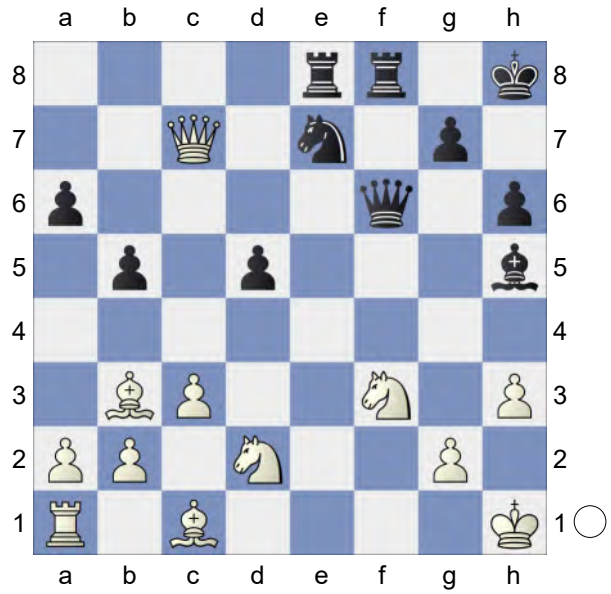
16.Qxf2 Rae8 White is slightly better.
17.Qg3 Wards off Ne5 **17...Bg4 18.h3** 0.07/18

[18.Qxg4 Re1+ 19.Ng1 Rxg1+ 20.Kxg1 Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Qe1+]

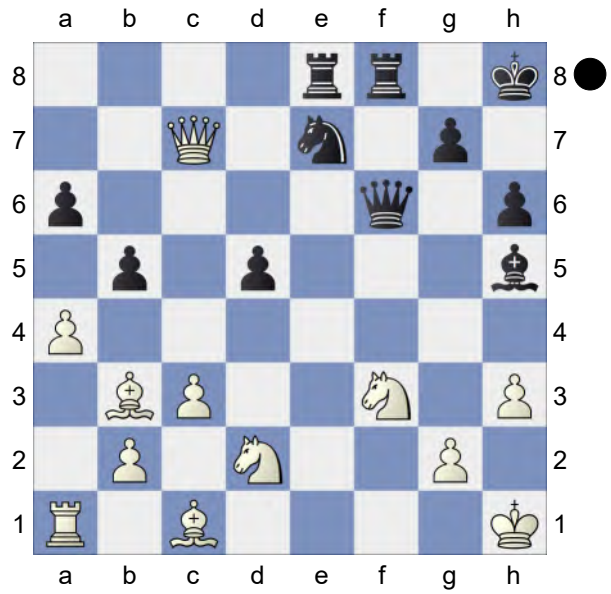
[18.Bb3!± 0.45/22 Qe6 19.Ng1 *(19.Qxc7 Qe1+* Back Rank *)*]

18...Bh5! 19.Bb3 Ne7 20.Qxc7 Kh8 0.53/20

[Better is 20...Qg6!= 0.00/20]



21.a4 -0.30/18
[21.Bc2!± 0.53/20]



21...b4! 22.Qe5 Qf7 next ...Nf5 is good for Black. **23.Bc2 Bg6 24.Bxg6 Nxg6 25.Qg3 Nf4!**

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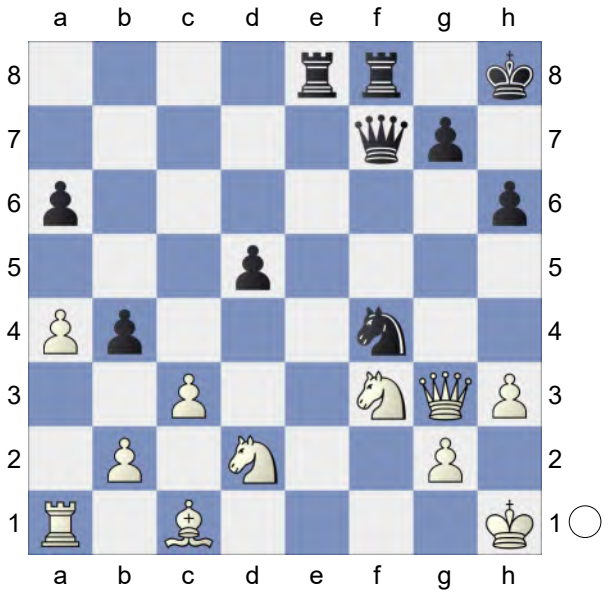
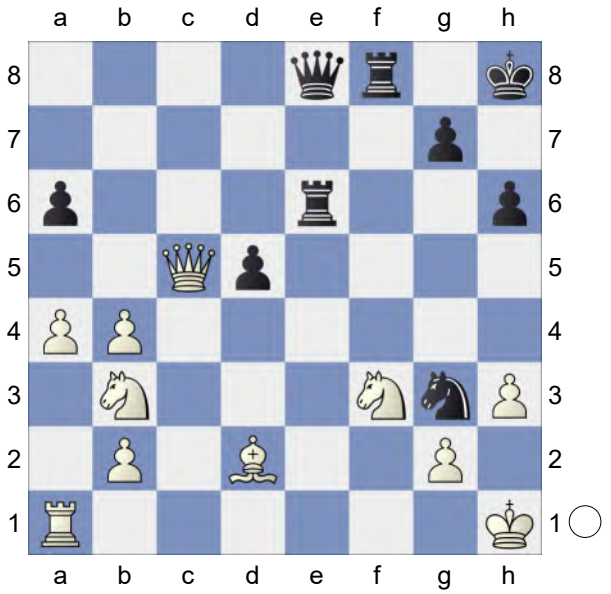


26.cxb4 Re2 27.Nb3! Nh5! Black has compensation.
[27...Nxg2? 28.Nbd4 Ne3 29.Nxe2+-]
28.Qd6 Re6 29.Qc5
[29.Qxd5? Re1+ 30.Nxe1 Ng3+ *(30...Qxd5? 31.Nd2-+)* 31.Kh2 Qxd5-+]
29...Qe8! 30.Bd2!
[30.Qxd5 Re1+ 31.Kh2 Qb8+-+]
30...Ng3+



31.Kg1!

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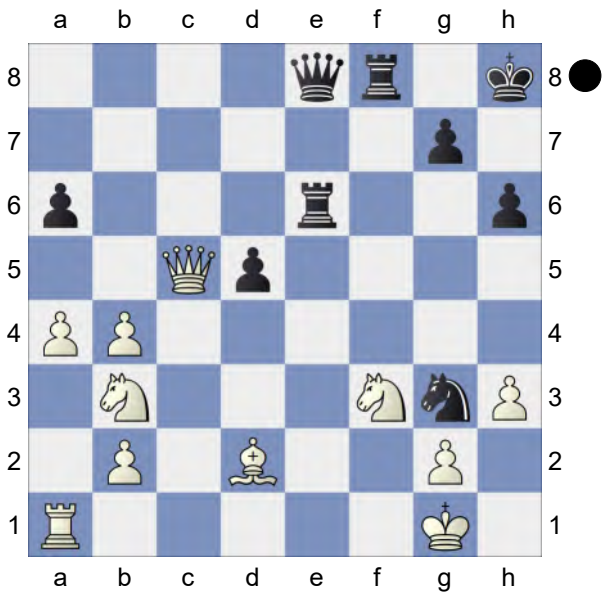
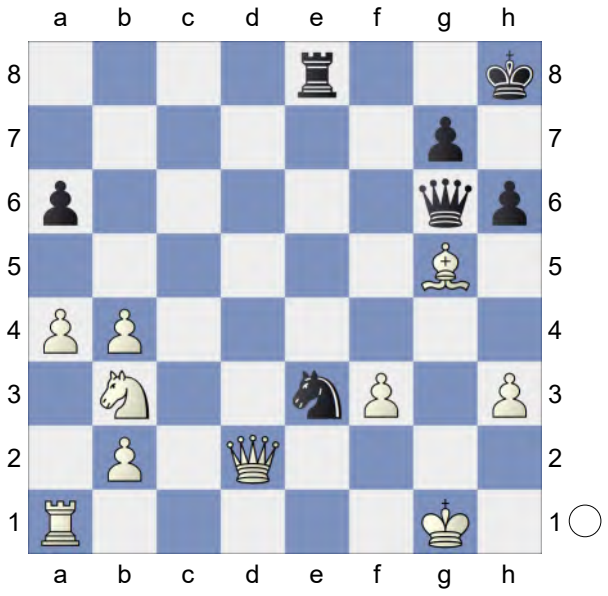


Rxf3! 32.gxf3 Qg6 33.Bg5! Re8
[33...Ne2+ 34.Kf2 hxg5 35.Re1± *(35.Qxd5? Nf4-+)*]
34.Qxd5 Nf5
[34...Qxg5? 35.Qxg5 hxg5 36.Kf2+-]
35.Qd2 Ne3



36.Kh1 Qxg5 37.Re1 Re6 38.Qh2 Qh4 39.Rg1 Qxb4 40.Qc7 Qf8

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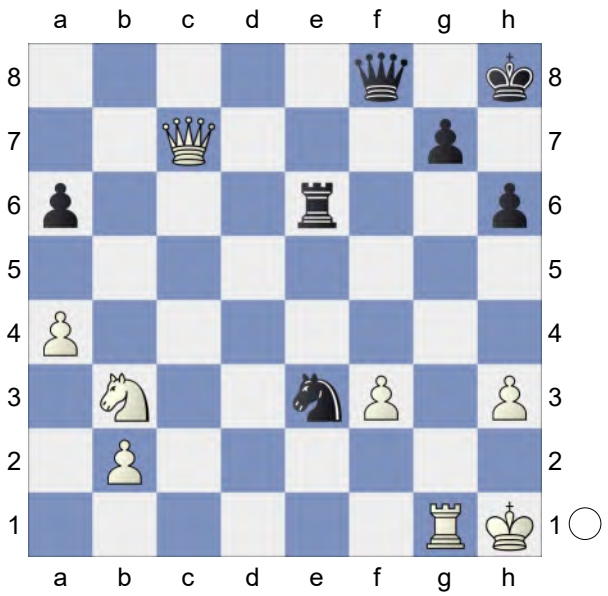
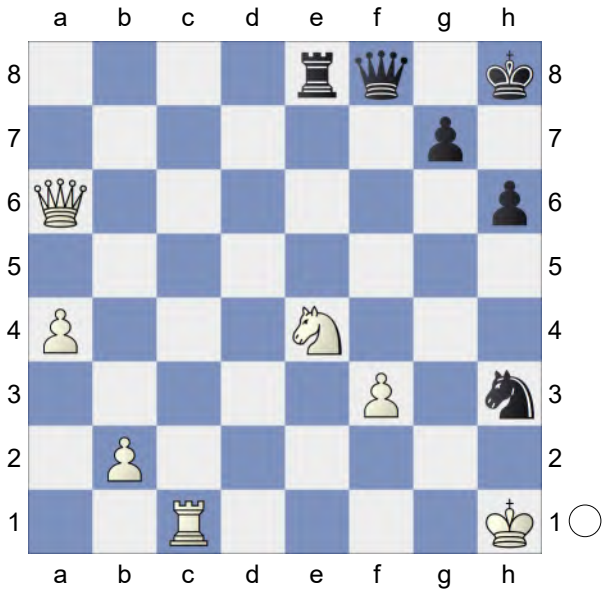


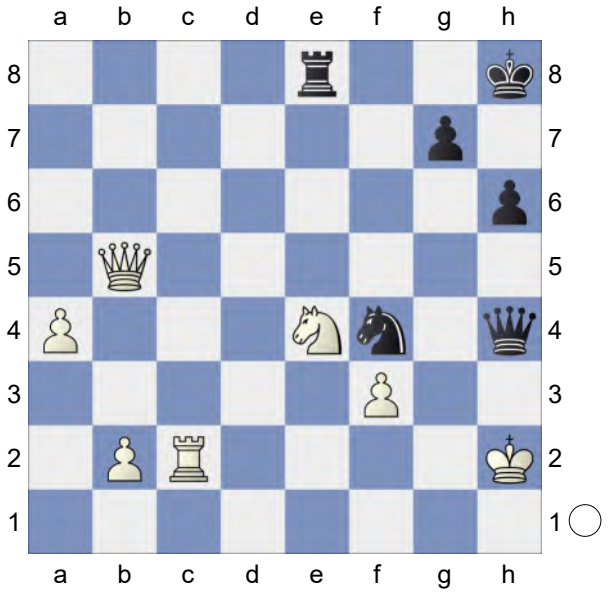
41.Nd2 Nd5 42.Qc4 Re5 43.Rc1
[43.Qxa6 Qf5 44.Rg3 *(44.Qa8+? Kh7-+)* 44...Re1+ 45.Kh2 Nf4]
43...Nf4 44.Qxa6 Re8 Repels Rc8
[44...Nxh3?! 45.Rc8 *(45.Qc8 Re1+ 46.Kh2 Re8=)* 45...Re8 *(45...Re1+ 46.Kg2±)* 46.Rxe8 Qxe8 47.Ne4±]
45.Ne4 Nxh3



46.Rc3 Nf4 47.Rc2 Qf5 48.Qf1 Qa5 -0.78/19
[⌓48...Re5 -1.24/20 49.Rd2 Qh5+ 50.Rh2 Qf7]
49.Qb5 -1.24/24 Prevents Nd5

[⩲49.b3 -0.78/19]

49...Qd8 50.Kh2 Qh4+



51.Kg1 Rd8 52.Qf1 Against Rd1

52...Rd5 53.Rd2 Rh5 54.Qd1 Ng6↑

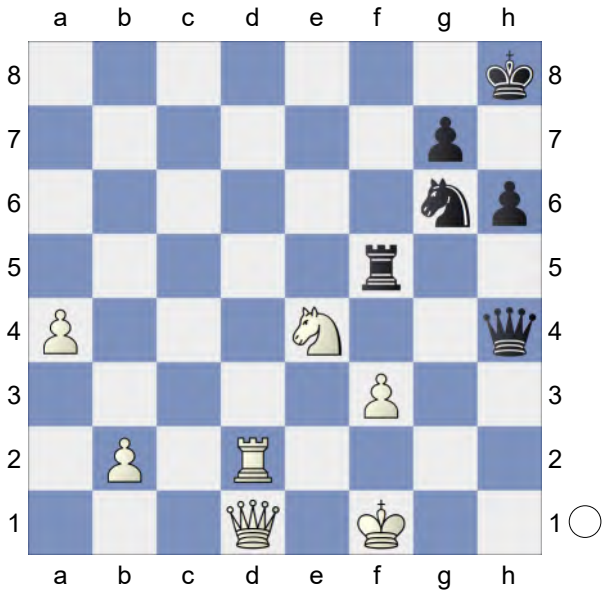
White is under strong pressure.

[54...Qh1+ 55.Kf2 Qh3 *(55...Rh2+ 56.Ke3±)* 56.Rd8+ Kh7 57.Nf6+ gxf6 58.Qc2++-]

55.Kf1 -1.71/19

[55.a5∓ -0.83/18]

55...Rf5!-+



56.Nf2 Kh7 -0.94/16 Black has more active pieces.

[⩲56...Qg5 -1.41/18 and ...Nh4 would now be decisive 57.Qc2 Rxf3]

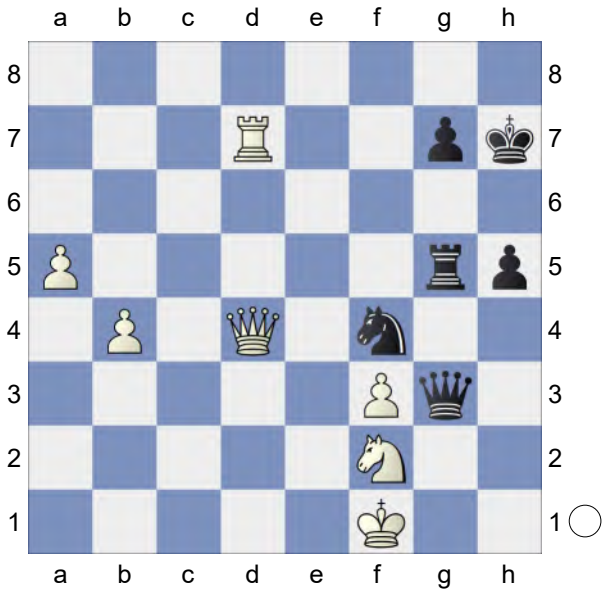
57.Rd7 -2.28/20

[57.Rd4∓ -0.94/16 Qf6 58.Qc2]

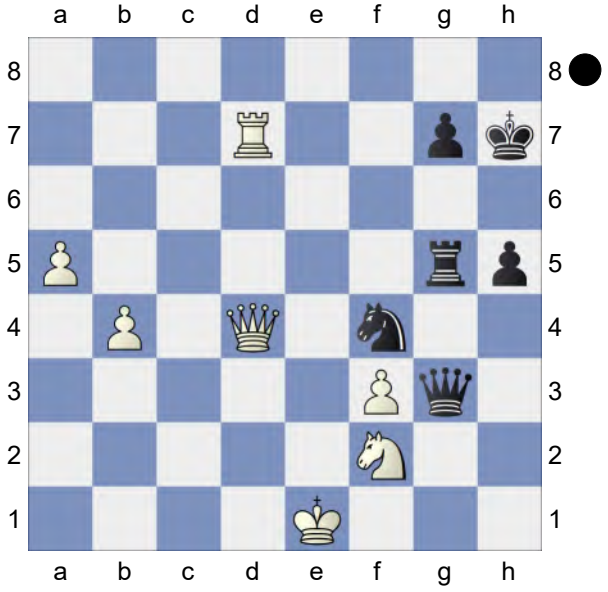
57...Qg3 58.Qd4 Nf4! 59.b4 h5! 60.a5 -3.28/19

[60.Qe3 -2.31/21]

60...Rg5!



61.Ke1



Qg1+! 62.Kd2

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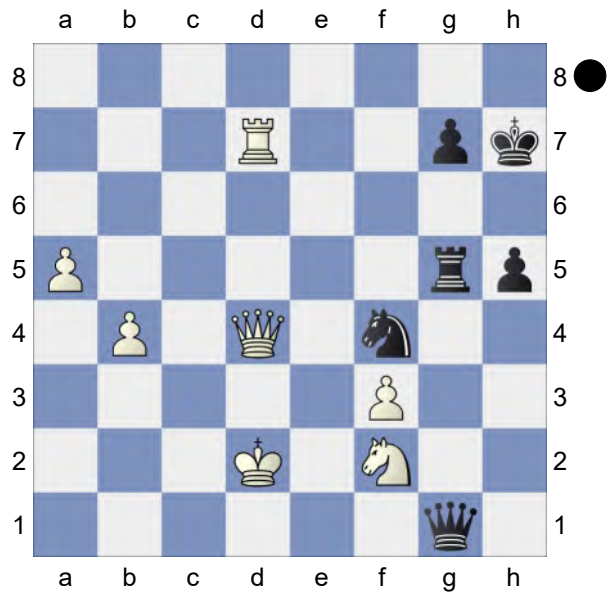
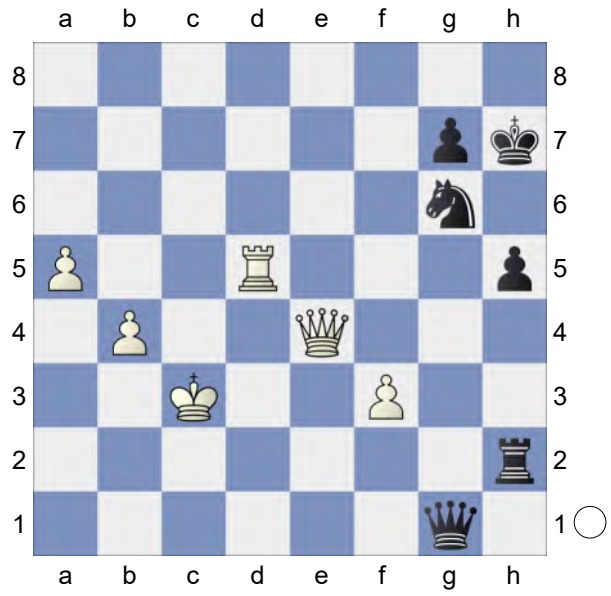


Rg2! 63.Qe4+ Ng6 64.Kc3 Black must now prevent Rd5!. **64...Rxf2 65.Rd5 Rh2**



66.Rf5 -5.10/19
[66.Rd4 -3.31/16 was necessary.]
66...Kh6 67.Kb3 Qd1+ 68.Kc4 Rh4 Pin **69.f4**

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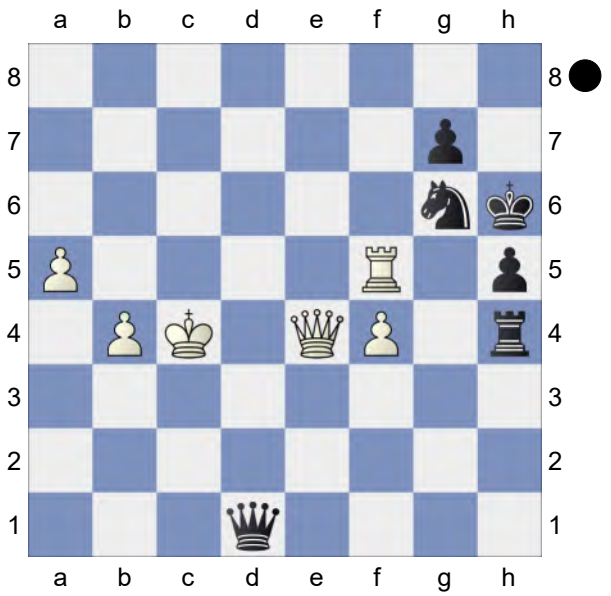
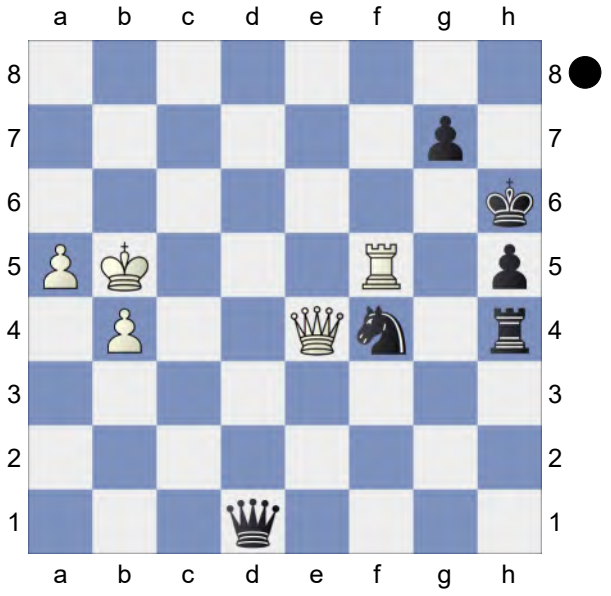


Nxf4! Decoy **70.Kb5**



Qd8!

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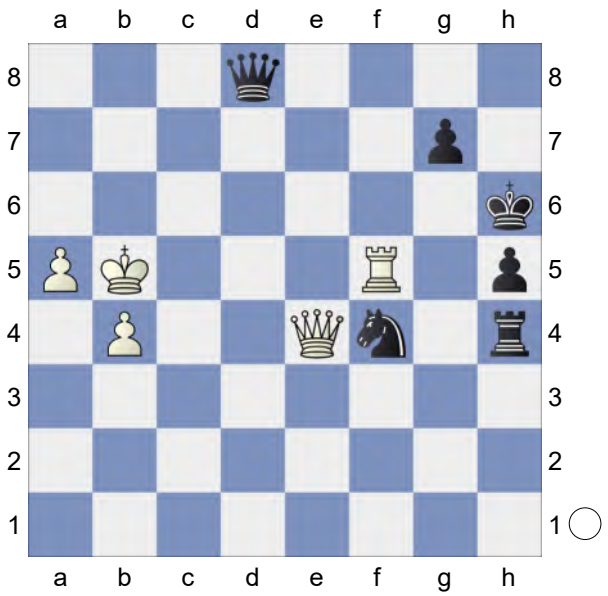
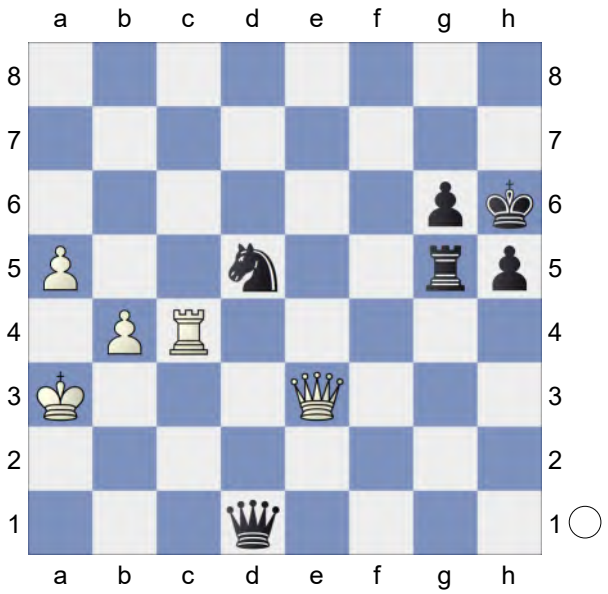


71.Rc5

[71.Qc6+ Kh7]

71...g6 72.Rc4 Rg4 73.Qe3 Rg5+ 74.Ka4 Qd1+ 75.Ka3 Nd5



76.Qd4 Rg3+ Black mates. **77.Ka2 Qb3+ 78.Ka1 Qa3+ 79.Kb1**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

79...Rb3+

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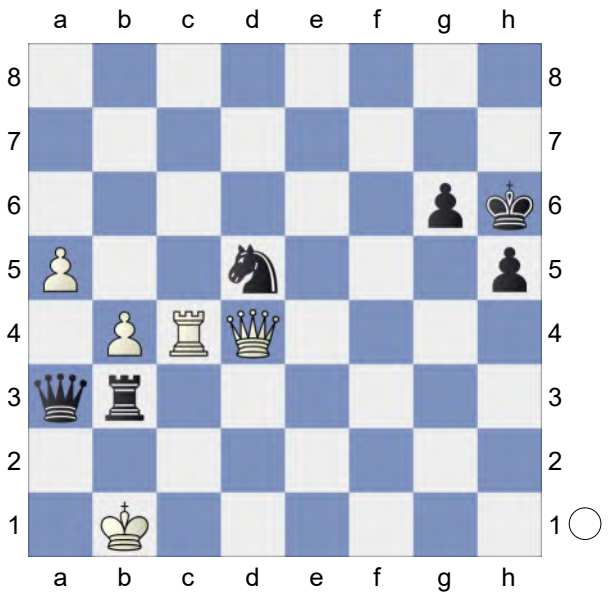

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□ **Ruy Lopez Open Variation**

■ **16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5**

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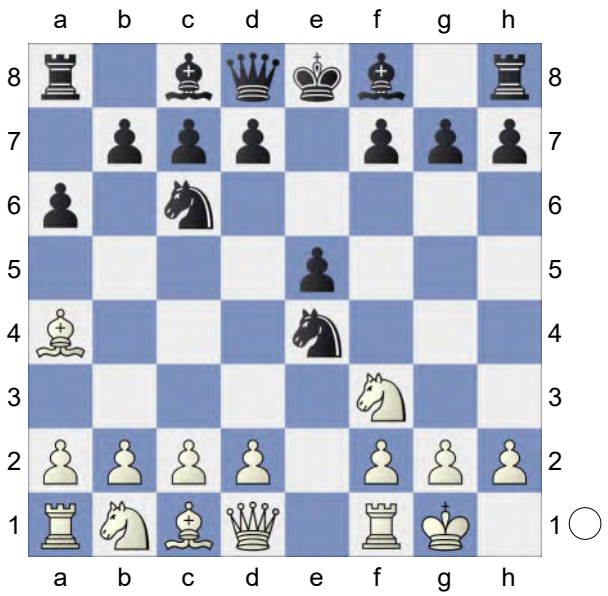
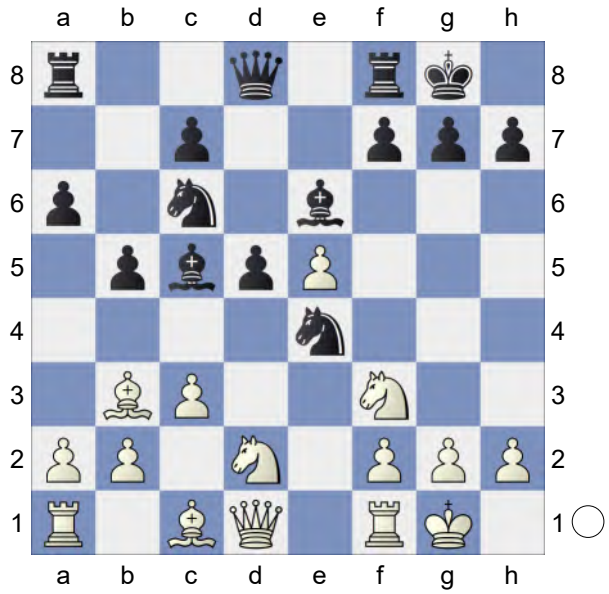
[Ftacnik]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3

Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 The Dilworth is considered good for White in theory, but in practice its a different picture. Black gets a lot of play in return for a minimal investment. Baburin: This is quite a playable line, although other moves here - 11...Bf5 & 11...f5 are more popular. After the text the character of the game is changed radically and probably this is one of the main goals of Black in this system. '!?' The Dilworth is considered good for White in theory, but in practice its a different picture. Black gets a lot of play in return for a minimal investment.
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A) 15...Bg4 '!?' 16.Ne3 *(16.Bg5 Bxf3 17.Qd2 Qd6 18.gxf3 e4 19.fxe4 Ne5 20.Kh1 Nf3 21.Qg2 Rae8 22.Be3 c5 23.Ng3 d4*

24.Rd1 Kh8 25.cxd4 cxd4 26.Bg1 Nxg1 27.Qxg1= 0-1 (63) Van Foreest,J (2688)-Mamedyarov,S (2782) Zagreb 2021*; 16.Bb3 Ne7 17.Bg5 Bxf3 18.gxf3 c6 19.Qe2 Qd6 20.Re1 Ng6 21.Ng3 Rae8 22.Bc2 h6 23.Be3 Nh4 24.Rf1* 0-1 (49) Narayanan,S (2535)-Lodici, L (2492) Chess.com INT 2020 *c5∓)* 16...Be6 provoking the knight to e3, where it is misplaced.provoking the knight to e3, where it is misplaced. *(16...Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ne7 18.Qd3 g6 19.Ng4 Nf5 20.Nxe5 Qd6 21.f4 Qc5+ 22.Kh1 d4 23.Bb3+ Kg7 24.cxd4 Qxd4 25.Bd2 Qxd3 26.Nxd3+-* ½ (88) Grandelius,N (2670)-Mikhalevski,V (2552) Tornelo INT 2021 *)*

A1) 17.b4 h6 *(17...d4 18.Qd3 g6 19.cxd4 Nxb4 20.Qc3 Rxf3 21.Qxb4 Rf4 22.Bb3 Qd7 23.Nc2 Rf7=* 1-0 (59) Sasikiran, K (2640)-Vokhidov,S (2521) Riga 2021 *)* 18.a4 Qd6 19.Bb2 Ne7 20.Qe1 e4 21.Nd4 Bd7 22.a5 Ng6 23.Nxd5 Rae8 24.Qg3± 1-0 (45) Nepomniachtchi,I (2782)-Tabatabaei,M (2551) Almaty 2022;

A2) 17.Bb3 e4 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 Qf6 20.Bd2 c5 21.Qe1 cxd4 22.Nxd5 Qf7 23.Nc7 Bxb3 24.Nxa8 Bc2 25.Nb6 e3 26.Bxe3 dxe3 27.Qxe3 Be4∓ 0-1 (42) Sevian,S (2660)-Paravyan,D (2629) Jermuk 2021;

A3) 17.b3

A3a) 17...Kh8 18.Ba3 Rf4 19.Bc5 d4 20.cxd4 exd4 21.Qd3 Bg8 22.Nf5 Qd5 23.Ba3 Re8 24.Rd1± 1-0 (51) Carlsen,M (2855)-Mamedyarov,S (2762) chess24.com INT 2021;

A3b) 17...d4 18.cxd4 *(18.Qd3 g6 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Bb2 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Rxf3 22.Qe2 Qg5+ 23.Ng2 Raf8∓* 0-1 (29) Firouzja,A (2759)-Vidit,S (2726) Chess24.com INT 2021 *)* 18...Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.Rb1 Rad8 21.Qe1 Bf5 22.Rb2 Bd3 23.Bxd3 Qxd3 24.h3 Rd4 25.Rc2± ½ (52) Vachier Lagrave,M (2777)-Tabatabaei,M (2526) Almaty 2022;

A3c) 17...e4 18.Nd4 Nxd4

A3c1) 19.Qxd4 Qd6 20.b4 Qf4 21.Bd2 Qf2+ 22.Kh1 a5 *(22...Rf7 23.Be1 Qe2 24.Bg3±* 1-0 (50) Bjerre,J (2612)-Hector,J (2454) Sweden 2022*)* 23.Bb3 c6 24.Rg1 a4 25.Bc2 Rf6 26.Be1 Qf4 27.Bg3 Qg5 28.Re1 Raf8 29.Be5 Rf2 30.Bg3 R2f6 31.Be5 Rf2 ½-½ (31) Hakobyan,A (2621)-Sindarov,J (2571) Sharjah 2021;

A3c2) 19.cxd4 Qf6 20.Qd2 c5 21.Bb2 c4 22.Ba3 Rf7 23.Bc5 Rc8 24.Rf1 Qg6 25.Rxf7 Qxf7 1-0 (52) Vachier Lagrave,M (2761)-Sindarov,J (2609) Warsaw 2021 26.bxc4 bxc4 27.Bd6±;

A3d) 17...a5 18.Bb2 Qe7 19.Qe1 ½-½ (21) Esipenko,A (2678)-Najer,E (2676) Cheboksary 2022;

B) 15...Qd7!? A minor surprise

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B1) 20...b4! 21.Qc5 Nd4

B1a) one point of including 20...b4 first is that now one point of including 20...b4 first is that now 22.Nxe5? loses to loses to Qd6 *(*or or

22...Qd5);

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C) 15...Qf6 16.Bg5 Qf7 17.Bh4 h6 18.Bg3 Rad8 19.Qd2 d4 20.Be4 dxc3 21.Qxc3 Nd4 22.Nxd4 Rxd4 23.Bf3 Bd5 24.Nd2± 1-0 (51) Pichot,A (2625)-Hungaski,R (2537) Florianopolis 2022;

D) 15...Qd6 '!?' '!?' One of the good options. One of the good options.

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D2) 16.Ng5 Bf5 '!' 17.Bb3 '?!' *(17.Bxf5 Rxf5 18.Qd3 e4 19.Qh3 Qg6 20.Ng3 Rf6 21.Nh5* , normally, it's only Black, who, if he so wishes, can avoid the repetition and try to play for a win. , normally, it's only Black, who, if he so wishes, can avoid the repetition and try to play for a win. *)* 17...Ne7 18.Ng3 *(18.Ne3 Rad8!* Darga-Larsen/World U20-ch Copenhagen 1953/ Darga-Larsen/World U20-ch Copenhagen 1953/ was better for Black was better for Black*)* 18...c6 19.Be3 *(19.Qe2 Kh8 20.Bd2 h6 21.Re1 e4 22.Qh5 Bg6 23.Qh3 Nf5 24.Nxf5 Bxf5∓* 1-0 (39) Vachier Lagrave,M (2778)-Heimann,A (2617) Karlsruhe 2020*)* 19...h6 20.N5e4 Qg6 21.Bc5 Rf7 22.Nd6 Bg4 23.Qe1 Rf6 24.Qxe5 Re6 25.Qd4 Rf8 26.Nde4 Rf4 27.Bxe7 Rxe7= 0-1 (32) Hansen,E (2606)-Van Foreest,J (2702) Chess.com INT 2022;

D3) 16.Qe2 e4 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.cxd4 c5 19.Be3 c4 20.Bf2 b4 21.Ne3 Qb6 22.Qd1 a5 23.b3 c3 24.a3 Ra7 25.axb4 axb4 26.Rxa7 Qxa7 27.Bg3= 0-1 (52) Fier,A (2602)-Cuenca Jimenez,J (2545) Roquetas de Mar 2023;

D4) 16.Ng3?

D4a) Quite unpleasant for White would have been Quite unpleasant for White would have been 16...Bg4! with the idea ofwith the idea of 17.Bxh7+ Kh8! *(*naturally, notnaturally, not *17...Kxh7? 18.Ng5+)* 18.Bc2? Qc5+ 19.Kh1 Qf2!;

D4b) 16...h6? 17.Qe1 *(* White could have played White could have played *17.Be3!?* and if and if *Bg4 18.h3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 ⩲e4!? 20.f4* but if Vachier-Lagrave decided that this line looks too risky, it's easy to understand. but if Vachier-Lagrave decided that this line looks too risky, it's easy to understand.*)* 17...Bg4?! *(* Engines suggest

Engines suggest *17...e4! 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 c5! 20.Be3 c4!* claiming that Black is better. Still, maybe it's not too dramatic for White after, say, claiming that Black is better. Still, maybe it's not too dramatic for White after, say, *21.Qa5)* 18.Nh4!⇄ e4!? 19.h3! Bd7 20.Be3! Qf6 *(* The attempt to win a knight by The attempt to win a knight by *20...g5?* fails to fails to *21.Nxe4! dxe4 22.Rd1± Qf6 23.Rxd7* , etc. , etc.*;* A playable, even if uninspiring, alternative wasA playable, even if uninspiring, alternative was *20...Ne7!? 21.Rd1 Qc6* and if and if *22.Bb3 Kh7 23.Bc2 Kg8* repeating. repeating. *)* 21.Nh5!

D4b1) After After 21...Qf7!? 22.Nf4 Black has to defend passively byBlack has to defend passively by Ne7! *(*if if *22...g5? 23.Nxd5!±)*;

D4b2) 21...Qe5

D4b21) A more critical iine was A more critical iine was 22.g4! Rf7 23.Rd1 *(23.Bb3!?)* 23...Ne7 with interesting play. Which is, possibly, more interesting for White. with interesting play. Which is, possibly, more interesting for White.;

D4b22) 22.Nf4 Rxf4!! A pretty combination saves Black.A pretty combination saves Black. 23.Ng6 Rf1+! 24.Kxf1 *(*If If *24.Qxf1? Qg3!* regaining the piece. regaining the piece.*)* 24...Qf5+ 25.Nf4 g5 26.Qg3! Kh7 And Black will emerge with an extra pawn. But White's activity will provide enough resources for the first player. And Black will emerge with an extra pawn. But White's activity will provide enough resources for the first player. 27.Ke2!? gxf4 28.Qxf4! Qxf4 29.Bxf4 Rg8= ½ (42) Vachier Lagrave,M (2779)-Mamedyarov,S (2801) Biel 2018;

D5) 16.a4 (S.Zamora-K.Pecotic, IECG 2004);

D6) 16.Be3

D6a) 16...Rad8 17.Qe1 *(17.Ng3 Bg4 18.h3 e4 19.Nxe4 Bxf3 20.Nxd6 Bxd1 21.Rxd1 cxd6 22.Rxd5 Ne5 23.Bd4 Nc4 24.b3 Ne5∓* ½ (47) Petrov,N (2571)-Girya, O (2432) Cheliabinsk 2021*)* 17...Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 Rf7 21.Bg3 Qc5+ 22.Bf2 Qd6 23.Qe2 Rdf8 24.Bg3 Qc5+ 25.Bf2 Qd6 26.Bg3 Qc5+ 27.Bf2 ½-½ (27) Caruana,F (2792)-Van Foreest,J (2702) Wijk aan Zee 2022;

D6b) 16...Bg4 17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.Bc2 *(18.Qe1 Qf6 19.Ng5 g6 20.Qh4 Bh5 21.Ng3 d4 22.Nxh5 gxh5 23.Qxh5 Kg7*

24.Be4 Qh6 25.Ne6+ 1-0 (25) Motylev,A (2632)-Dushyant,S (2416) Biel 2022*)* 18...e4 19.Qe1 Bxf3 20.Qh4+ Kg8 21.gxf3 Ne5 22.Qh5 Rxf3 23.Rd1 Raf8 24.Bxe4 dxe4 25.Rxd6 Rxf1+ 26.Kg2 cxd6-+ 0-1 (36) Soffer,R (2475)-Nabaty,T (2632) Israel 2023;

D6c) 16...Bf5 17.Bb3 Rad8 18.Qe1 Na5 19.Qf2 Nb7 20.Re1 Kh8 *(20...c5 21.Ng3 Bd3 22.Qd2 c4 23.Bd1 Rd7 24.Bf2 Rdf7=* 1-0 (74) Nakamura,H (2760)-Caruana,F (2783) Madrid 2022*)* 21.Qg3 Rde8 22.Bf2 Be4 23.N1d2 Bxf3 24.Nxf3 e4 25.Qxd6 Nxd6 26.Nd4 Nc4 27.Bxc4 bxc4 28.b4 cxb3 29.axb3= 1-0 (40) Carlsen,M (2859)-Le,Q (2728) chess24.com INT 2022 Ruy Lopez Open Variation-10. ♘bd2 0-0 11. ♗c2 ♘f2_ Survey 2023 Lexikon23 [Ftacnik]]

[13.Qe2 fxe5 14.Nb3 Bxf2+ 15.Qxf2 e4 16.Qe1 Bg4 *(16...Qd6 17.Nfd4 Ne5 18.Qg3 Rf6 19.Bg5 Rg6 20.Nc5 Nf3+ 21.gxf3 Qxc5 22.Kh1 Bd7 23.fxe4 dxe4 24.Rg1±* ½ (35) Huschenbeth,N (2611)-Shevchenko,K (2652) Germany 2022*)* 17.Bg5 Qd6 18.Nfd4 Ne5 19.Qg3 Rae8 20.Be3 c5 21.Nxb5 axb5 22.Bxc5 Qf6 23.Bxf8 Rxf8 24.Nd4 Nc4 25.Bb3= 1-0 (37) Van Foreest,J (2714)-Le,Q (2709) Oslo 2022]

13...Bxf2+

[13...Qxf6

A) 14.Nb3? Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 g5? *(15...Ne5!→)* 16.Qd3!

A1) 16...Qh6 17.Kg1! *(17.Bxg5 Qxh2)*;

A2) 16...Rf7 17.Bxg5!

A2a) ⌓17...Qg7 18.Re1 Bg4 *(18...Bf5 19.Qxd5; 18...Re8 19.Nc5; 18...Ne5 19.Rxe5)* 19.Bh4;

A2b) 17...Qxg5 18.Qxh7+ Kf8 19.Qxf7+! 1-0 Argyris,N (2140)-Bloodworth,K (1860)/ Barnstaple 1972/;

B) 14.Qf1! Smyslov-Botvinnik, Moscow 1943 14...b4 15.Ba4 bxc3 16.Bxc6 cxd2 17.Bxd2± Husak,K-Ericson,A,corr-5 WCH 1965]

14.Kxf2 Qxf6 Baburin: Sometimes the material correlation "rook + pawn(-s) vs two minor pieces" arises in a game at an early stage as a direct result of an opening line, and here we have such an example - 11...Nxf2 in the Open Ruy Lopez. My general comment is that such imbalanced positions require particularly energetic play - the price of every move is very high! Postny: 'Materially speaking, the position is about equal. However, if white will manage to consolidate his position, he will be clearly better, thanks to pair of strong bishops. Black's task is to create threats against opponent's king and prevent white's smooth development.' Postny: 'Materially speaking, the position is about equal. However, if white will manage to consolidate his position, he will be clearly better, thanks to pair of strong bishops. Black's task is to create threats against opponent's king and prevent white's smooth development.' **15.Nf1**

[15.Kg1 is the main alternative. is the main alternative. Rae8

(15...Ne5; 15...Bg4 16.Qe2 Rae8 17.Qd3 Re1+ 18.Nf1 Bxf3 19.Qxh7+ Kf7 20.gxf3 Ne5 21.Kf2 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Qxf3+ 23.Kg1 Qg4+-+ 0-1 (35) Dgebuadze,A (2541)-Slobodjan,R (2536) Bad Woerishofen 1999 *)* 16.Qf1 *(16.Nf1 Ne5 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Qxf3 19.Qxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2±* Kortchnoi/ECO*; 16.h3 Bxh3 17.Nf1 Ne5 18.N1h2 Qb6+ 19.Nd4 Bg4 20.Nxg4 Nxg4 21.Bg5 h5 22.Qd3 Re4 23.b4 Qd6∓* 1-0 (29) Amonatov,F (2610)-Hansen,S (2595) Baku 2016*; 16.Kh1 Bg4 17.Bb3 Qf5 18.a4 Kh8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Bc2 Qh5 21.Qf1 Ne5 22.Bd1 c5 23.b3 c4 24.Ba3 Rf6 25.bxc4 bxc4 26.Bc5 Nd3 27.Bd4±* 1-0 (39) Yakubboev,N (2569)-Sargsyan,S (2486) Chess.com INT 2019 *)*

A) 16...Kh8 17.h3 Bf7 18.Nb3 Bh5 19.Bg5 Qd6 20.Qd3 Bg6 21.Qd1 Rxf3 22.Bxg6 Ref8-+ Kozlov-Estrin/USSR/1973;

B) 16...Bf5 17.Bxf5 Qxf5 18.Nb3 *(18.b3 d4 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Qc5 21.Bb2 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Re2 23.Rf2 Rxf2 24.Kxf2 Qd5 25.Ke3 Qe5+* 0-1 (25) Ljubojevic,L (2625)-Jussupow,A (2635) Tilburg 1987*)* 18...Qc2 19.h3 h6 20.Kh1 Kh8 21.Qg1 Rf6 22.Bd2 Qxb2 23.Re1 Ref8= 0-1 (31) Ter Sahakyan,S (2563)-Sargsyan,S (2461) Yerevan 2018;

C) 16...g5!? 17.Qd3 Rf7 18.h3 g4 19.hxg4 Bxg4 20.Qxd5 Ne5 21.Bb3 Kh8 22.Nxe5 Rxe5 23.Qxe5 Qxe5 24.Bxf7 Qe3+∞ ½-½ Varga,C-Turzo,A/Budapest Schneider op (04)/1995/ (35) ½-½ Varga,C-Turzo,A/Budapest Schneider op (04)/1995/ (35)]

[15.a4?! This move looks quite optimistic to me, white should better secure his monarch and develop his light pieces as soon as possible. This move looks quite optimistic to me, white should better secure his monarch and develop his light pieces as soon as possible. Ne5 *(15...b4 16.Qe2 a5 17.Kg1 Rae8∞ 18.Qb5 Ne5 19.Qxa5 c6 20.Qc5 Bg4 21.Qf2 bxc3 22.bxc3 Nxf3+ 23.Nxf3 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Qxc3∞* 1-0 Asfora,M (2280)-Tilmatine,A (2245)/Algarve 1995/ (46)*)* 16.Kg1 Bg4? Black did not manage to realize the point of 15. a4. Black did not manage to realize the point of 15.a4. *(* Much stronger is Much stronger is *16...Rae8↑* avoiding the exchange of rooks. Now bad for white isavoiding the exchange of rooks. Now bad for white is *17.axb5 axb5 18.Nxe5? Qf2+ 19.Kh1 Bh3!! 20.gxh3 Rxe5-+)* 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 The exchange of rooks reduces black's attacking potential. The exchange of rooks reduces black's attacking potential. Rxa8 19.Ne4! Small tactical trick helps white a lot to consolidate the position. Small tactical trick helps white a lot to consolidate the position. Qb6+ *(19...Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Qb6+ 21.Nf2 Be6 22.Qd3 g6 23.Be3±)*

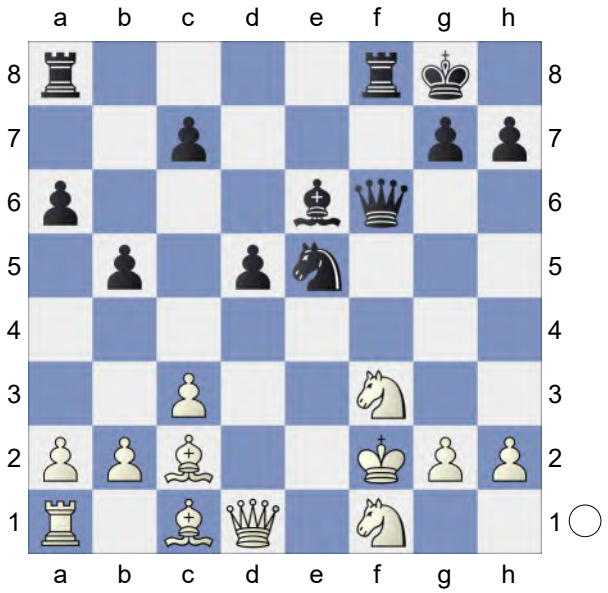
A) Even stronger was Even stronger was 20.Kh1! Rd8 21.Neg5 h6 22.Bh7+ Kf8 *(22...Kh8? 23.Nxe5 Bxd1 24.Nef7#)* 23.Bf4 with strong initiative. with strong initiative.;

B) 20.Nf2 c6? Missing the combination, that now follows... Missing the combination, that now follows... *(*Better wasBetter was

20...Bxf3 21.gxf3 Qe6 , though after , though after *22.f4 Nc4 23.f5* white has the initiative.white has the initiative.*)* 21.Bxh7+! Kxh7 22.Qc2+ Unpinning the ♘f3 with tempo. Unpinning the ♘f3 with tempo. Ng6 23.Ng5+ Kh6 24.Ne6+ Kh7 25.Nf4 The end of the combination. White regains the piece with winning position. The end of the combination. White regains the piece with winning position. c5 26.Nxg4+- 1-0 Dvoirys,S (2612)-Khmelniker,I (2458)/Beersheba 2004/ (34)]

15...Ne5

[15...d4? 16.Kg1 Ne5 17.cxd4 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Rad8 19.Be3 c5 20.Qd3 g6 21.Nd2± 1-0 (30) Short,N (2620)-Popovic,P (2560) Belgrade 1987 Ftacnik,L: 'Short,N-Popovic,P, Belgrade 1987']



16.Be3

[16.Bg5?? Qxg5 17.N1d2 Ng4+ 18.Kg1 Qe3+ 0-1 Blandnet,J (2160)-Bellier/Paris 1993/ *(18...Qe3+ 19.Kh1 Nf2+ 20.Kg1 Nxd1+ 21.Kh1 Nf2+ 22.Kg1 Nh3+ 23.Kh1 Qg1+ 24.Nxg1 Nf2#)*]

[16.Kg1 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Rxf3 19.Bg5 *(19.Be3 Bh3 20.Bc5 Re8 21.Ng3 Kf7 22.Bf2 g6 23.Re1 Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 Ke6 25.Bd1 Rf7=* 0-1 (51) Skawinski,A (2367)-Areshchenko,A (2654) Poland 2016*; 19.Bd1 Rf7 20.Ng3 Bh3 21.Be2 Re8 22.Bd2 c5 23.Bf1 Bxf1 24.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Kf7∓* 0-1 (56) Morovic Fernandez,I (2450)-Jussupow,A (2590) Tunis 1985*)* 19...Bh3 20.Nd2 Rf7 21.Re1 Raf8 22.Be3 Re7 23.Bf2 Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 Re8 25.Kf2= ½ (42) Areshchenko,A (2677)-Zubarev,A (2548) Lvov 2015]

16...Rae8

[16...Nxf3 17.gxf3 Qh4+ 18.Kg1 Rf6 19.Qd4 Qh5 20.Ng3 Qxf3 21.Rf1 Qg4 22.Rxf6 Qxd4 23.Bxd4 gxf6 24.Nh5 Kf7 25.Nf4± 1-0 (42) Neiksans,A (2577)-Yang,K (2481) Chess.com INT 2022]

17.Bc5

[17.Bd4

A) 17...Bg4 18.N1d2

A1) 18...Qf4 19.Kg1 Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Bxf3 *(20...c6* Baburin *21.Bd3 Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Qxf3 23.gxf3 Rxf3 24.Rd1 a5 25.Kg2 Rf4 26.Kg3 g5 27.Rf1 Rxf1 28.Bxf1 h5=* ½ (64) Balashov,Y (2565)-Tukmakov,V (2540) Leningrad 1977 Ftacnik,L: 'Balashov,Y-Tukmakov,V/USSR (ch) 24/281 1977/½-½ (64)' Ftacnik,L: 'Balashov,Y-Tukmakov,V/USSR (ch) 24/281 1977/½-½ (64)' *)* 21.gxf3 Qxf3 22.Qxf3 Rxf3 23.a4 Re2 24.Bb3 c6= *(24...Rf5=* Berggren,AJ-Steinwender,W,IV EU Ch 1990 *)*;

A2) 18...Qh4+ 19.Kg1 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 *(20.Nxf3 Qh5)* 20...Bh3 21.Nf1 Qg5+ 22.Ng3 g6 23.Kh1 h5 24.Qd3 Re6 25.Rg1+- 1-0 Apicella,M (2495)-Hardarson,R (2335)/Reykjavik 1993/ (35) Ftacnik,L: '↑' '↑';

B) 17...Qh4+ 18.Kg1 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3

B1) 19...Bf5 20.Bxf5 Rxf5≅;

B2) 19...Qg5+ 20.Ng3 Bh3 21.a4 g6 *(21...Re6 22.axb5 axb5 23.f4 Rxf4 24.Qh5* ± Enders,P-Chekhov,V/Dresden 40/(413) 1985 ± Enders,P-Chekhov,V/Dresden 40/(413) 1985 *)* 22.axb5 axb5 23.Bf2 h5 ½-½ Cseshkovsky,V-Chekhov,V/Rostock 38/439 1984 ½-½ Cseshkovsky,V-Chekhov,V/Rostock 38/439 1984;

B3) 19...Bh3;

B4) 19...Qh5 20.Ng3 Qxf3 21.Qxf3 Rxf3 22.Kg2 Rf4 23.a4 b4 24.a5 Bg4± Renet,O-Kotliar,M/St. Martin op (9) 1993/½-½ (56) Ruy Lopez Open Variation-12. ♖f2 f6 13.ef6 Survey 2023 Lexikon23 [Ftacnik] Renet,O-Kotliar,M/St. Martin op (9) 1993/½-½ (56) Ftacnik,L: '∞' '∞']

[17.Kg1 after after 17...Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Qxf3 19.Qxf3 Rxf3 leads to 15.♔g1 With the aid of leads to 15.♔g1

A) 20.Bd1 Rf7

A1) 21.Bb3 c6 22.Ng3 *(22.Bd4 Bh3 23.Ne3 Rf4 24.Re1 Re6 25.Bc2 h5 26.Bd3 h4 27.Bc5 a5 28.Bf1 Bf5 29.Re2 Be4 30.h3 Rf3 31.Rf2 Rxf2 32.Kxf2 Rf6+ 33.Ke1 Rf3; 22.Re1 Bh3 23.Nd2)* 22...Bh3 23.Bd4

A1a) 23...g6 24.Bc2 Re6

A1a1) 25.a4 bxa4 *(25...h5 26.axb5 axb5 27.Ra8+ Rf8 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Bd3 h4 30.Nf1)* 26.Bxa4 h5 27.Nh1;

A1a2) 25.Bd3 h5 26.Bf1 *(26.Nh1 Bf5)* 26...Bxf1 27.Rxf1 *(27.Nxf1 Re2)* 27...h4 28.Rxf7 Kxf7 29.Nf1 Re2 30.b4 Rxa2-+;

A1b) 23...h5 24.Nxh5 Re2 25.Ng3 *(25.Rb1 Rxb2* '-+' Chekhov.*)* 25...Rxb2 '∓' Chekhov. '∓' Chekhov. ;

A2) 21.Bc5 Bh3 22.Bb3 c6 23.Ne3 Re5 24.a4 bxa4 *(24...h5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Bc2 Rg5+ 27.Kh1 Rc7 28.Bd6)* 25.Bxa4 *(25.Rxa4 Rxe3)* 25...d4 26.Bxd4 *(26.cxd4)* 26...Rg5+ 27.Kh1 c5 28.Bb3 *(28.Bxc5 Bc8 29.h4 Bb7+ 30.Kh2 Rf2+ 31.Kh3 Bc8+)* 28...cxd4

A2a) 29.Rxa6 Kf8 30.Ra8+ *(30.Bxf7 dxe3)* 30...Ke7 31.Ra7+ Kd8 32.Ra8+ Kc7 33.Ra7+ Kb6 34.Rxf7 dxe3;

A2b) 29.cxd4 Bc8 0-1 Suetin,A (2391)-Mikhalevski,V (2531)/Cappelle la Grande/1999/ (64);

B) With the aid of 20.Bf2± Kortchnoi/ECO 20...Bh3 *(20...Bf5 21.Bd1 Rd3 22.Bc2 Rf3 23.Bb3 c6 24.Re1 Rxe1 25.Bxe1=* ½ (34) Aseev,K (2445)-Ivanchuk,V (2625) Frunze 1988 *)*

B1) 21.Ng3 g6 22.Re1 Aseev still could get his favourite endgame. Aseev still could get his favourite endgame.See 15. ♔ g1 again. Aseev still could get

his favourite endgame. Aseev still could get his favourite endgame.See 15.♔g1 again. *(22.Rd1 c6 23.Bd3 h5 24.Bxg6 Re5 25.Bd4 Rg5 26.Bxh5 Rfxg3+ 27.hxg3 Rxh5 28.Re1 Kf7 29.Re5 Rxe5 30.Bxe5)* 22...Rxe1+ 23.Bxe1 c5!? 'N!?' 'N!?' Black is probably not worse Black is probably not worse *(23...Kf7 24.Bf2 Ke6 25.Nf1 Rf8 26.Nd2 a5 27.Nb3=* ½ (66) Aseev,K (2530)-Leko,P (2555) Moscow 1995*)* 24.Bf2 c4 25.a4 *(25.Ne2 Rd3! 26.Be1 Rf3=)* 25...bxa4 26.Bxa4 Rf8= ½ (51) Aseev,K (2565)-Mikhalevski,V (2545) Beersheba 1998 Ftacnik,L: ' ∞' '∞' Ftacnik,L: '½-½ Aseev,K-Mikhalevski,V/ Beer-Sheva 1998 (51)' Ftacnik,L: '½-½ Aseev,K-Mikhalevski,V/ Beer-Sheva 1998 (51)';

B2) 21.Nd2!? Rf6 *(21...Rf4 22.Bg3 Rg4 23.Kf2 Rf8+ 24.Ke3 Re8+ 25.Kf2 Rf8+ 26.Ke3=* ½ (53) Ismagambetov,A (2525)-Filippov,A (2584) Tashkent 2009 *)*

B2a) 22.Re1 Rxe1+ 23.Bxe1 h5!? *(23...c6 24.Bh4 Rf7* ½-½ (24) Gutenev,A (2451)-Lysyj,I (2605) Cheliabinsk 2021*; 23...Re6 24.Kf2 Bg4 25.Bd3 c5 26.Bf1 c4 27.Bg2 Rd6 28.Ke3 Re6+ 29.Kf2 Rd6 30.Ke3 Re6+ 31.Kf2* ½-½ (31) Perez Candelario,M (2524)-Kolev,A (2571) Navalmoral 2010 *)*;

B2b) 22.Bd3 h5! 23.Re1□□ Ftacnik,L: ' □ ' ' □ ' Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 c5 25.Bh4?! *(25.Bg3⇄)* 25...Rf4 26.Bg3 Ra4 27.a3 h4↑ Kaminski,M-Chekhov,V/Zubniewice 58/361 1993/0-1 (56)]

17...Nxf3

[17...Rf7 18.N1d2 Bf5 19.Kg1 Nd3 *(19...Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Be4 21.Bd3* Fischer,W-Connors,PA,WTcorr 1991 *Bxf3 22.gxf3 Qxf3 23.Qxf3 Rxf3 24.Rd1±)* 20.Bd4 Qd6 21.Qb1 Qg6 22.Nh4 Re1+ 23.Qxe1 Nxe1 24.Rxe1 Qh5 25.Re8+ Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Nxf5+- 1-0 (27) Liberzon,V-Rosino,A/Venezia 18/302 1974 Qe2 1-0 Liberzon,V-Rosino,A/Venezia 18/302 1974]

[17...Qh4+ 18.Kg1 Rxf3 19.gxf3 Qh5 20.Ng3 Nxf3+ 21.Kf2 Qxh2+ 22.Kxf3 h5 23.Bf5 h4 24.Qg1 Qxb2 25.Re1 Qxc3+ 26.Qe3 Qxe3+ 27.Rxe3± 1-0 (42) Kantor,G (2582)-Horvath,D (2488) Chennai 2022]

18.gxf3 Rf7 19.Kg2 is another option is another option

[19.Ng3 Bg4 20.Kg1

A) 20...Bxf3 During the game I thought that this move was just bad, but in fact the arising position is quite unclear. For example: During the game I thought that this move was just bad,but in fact the arising position is quite unclear. For example: 21.Qd3 and Black can choose between three possible moves, each of them deserves attention .and Black can choose between three possible moves, each of them deserves attention.

A1) 21...Be4!? 22.Nxe4 dxe4 *(22...Rxe4 23.Qxd5 Rg4+ 24.Kh1 c6 25.Qd3±)*;

A2) 21...Qh4!? 22.Rf1 Be4 *(*Doesn't work Doesn't work

22...Qh3?? 23.Rxf3 Re1+ 24.Rf1) 23.Nxe4 Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1 dxe4 25.Qd7 *(25.Qd5+!? Kh8 26.Qf7∞)* 25...Qh5 26.Bb3+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf3+=;

A3) 21...Qh6!? 22.Rf1 Be4 23.Nxe4 Rxf1+ 24.Kxf1 dxe4 25.Qd7 Qc1+ 26.Bd1∞;

B) 20...Qxf3 Mikhalevski,V: 'Usually it's recommended to trade the Queens when your opponent has two pieces vs rook. However in this particular case I'm not sure what should've been preffered because of exposed position of White's king.'Mikhalevski,V: 'Usually it's recommended to trade the Queens when your opponent has two pieces vs rook. However in this particular case I'm not sure what should've been preffered because of exposed position of White's king.' 21.Qxf3

B1) 21...Bxf3? 22.Rf1± '!?' '±!' White creates a threat of 23. Bf5 and when the bishop moves Bxh7+! winning an exchange. Mikhalevski,V: 'White creates a threat of 23. Bf5 and when the bishop moves Bxh7+! winning an exchange.' Ftacnik,L: '± !' ' ± !' White creates a threat of 23. Bf5 and when the bishop moves Bxh7+! winning an exchange. Mikhalevski,V: 'White creates a threat of 23. Bf5 and when the bishop moves Bxh7+! winning an exchange.' Rf6 *(22...g6 23.Nf5! gxf5 24.Rxf3; 22...Bg4?? 23.Bxh7++-; 22...Rf4 23.Bd1 Rc4±)* 23.b4± ½-½ (42) Ivanchuk,V-Jussupow, A/Linares 1990/ Ftacnik,L: '!' '!' Ftacnik,L: '½-½ Ivanchuk,V-Yusupov,A/Linares/ 1990 (42)' Ftacnik,L: '½-½ Ivanchuk,V-Yusupov,A/Linares/ 1990 (42)';

B2) 21...Rxf3 Mikhalevski,V: 'This is better than 21...Bxf3 which allows pin on the f-file.' Mikhalevski,V: 'This is better than 21...Bxf3 which allows pin on the f-file.'

B2a) Wedberg Wedberg 22.Kg2 '?!' h5 '!'

B2a1) 23.Rf1? Wedberg Wedberg Rxf1 24.Kxf1 h4-+ '∓' This evaluation seems to be too optimistic. White is just slightly worse.[Mikhalevski, V] Mikhalevski,V: 'White is just slightly worse. Ftacnik, L: ' ∓ ' ' ∓ 'This evaluation seems to be too optimistic. White is just slightly worse. [Mikhalevski,V] Mikhalevski, V: 'White is just slightly worse.;

B2a2) 23.Bd1?! Wedberg Wedberg Rd3 24.Bxg4 Rd2+ 25.Kh3 *(25.Be2? h4-+)* 25...hxg4+ 26.Kxg4 Rxh2∓;

B2a3) 23.Bg6 Re6 24.Bxh5 Rxg3+ 25.Kxg3 Bxh5= ½-½ (51) Leko,P-Jussupow,A/Horgen CS 1994 and White managed to hold the position thanks to bishops of opposite color. Ftacnik,L: ' ∓' '∓' Ftacnik,L: ' ½-½ Leko,P-Jussupow,A/ Horgen CS 1994 (51) Mikhalevski,V: ' and White managed to hold the

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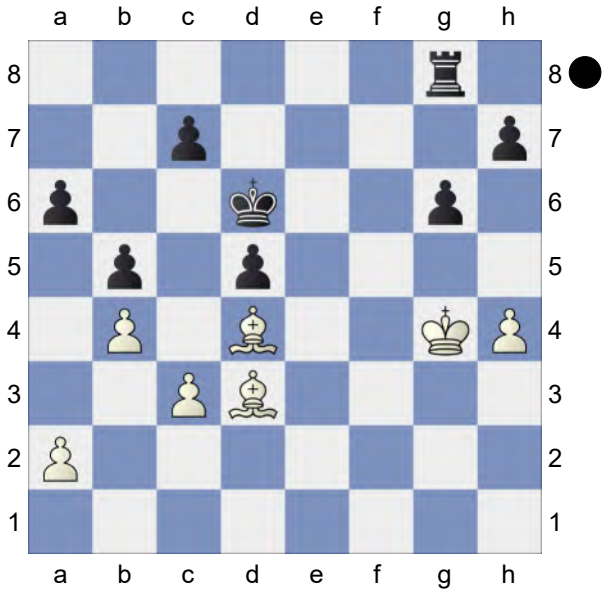
B2b) 22.a4 Bh3 *(22...Rf6* ½-½ Sogaard,O-Wieringen,C/ email RCCA 1999/80 telechess (36) ½-½ Sogaard, O-Wieringen,C/email RCCA 1999/80 telechess (36)*)* 23.axb5 axb5 24.Ne2!? g6 *(24...c6!?; 24...Rxe2?* would be a blunderwould be a blunder *25.Ra8+ Kf7 26.Rf8+ Ke6 27.Rxf3 Rg2+ 28.Kh1 Rxc2 29.Rxh3 Rxb2 30.Rxh7* with good chances for a win. with good chances for a win.*)* 25.Bb3 Kg7 *(25...Re5!?)* 26.Nd4 Rf4 27.Nxb5 c6 28.Nd4 Re5 *(28...Rg4+!? 29.Kf2 Rg2+ 30.Kf3 Rxb2 31.Ra7+ Kf6 32.Bc2±)* 29.Kh1!± 1-0 Vuckovic,B-Ernst, S/Bermuda BER 2002/(60);

B2c) 22.Rf1

B2c1) 22...Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 A typical for this variation position has arised. White has two minor pieces vs rook and two pawns. I think that despite weakness of the queen side pawns Black can hold with an accurate play. A typical for this variation position has arised. White has two minor pieces vs rook and two pawns. I think that despite weakness of the queen side pawns Black can hold with an accurate play.

B2c11) 23...Kf7 24.Bd3 Re6 25.Bd4 Rh6 26.Kg2 Bh3+ 27.Kf2 Bd7 28.Nf1 a5 29.Be2 ½-½ Groszpeter,A-Gyimesi,Z/Kecskemet 1994/ (29) Ftacnik,L: ''½-½ Groszpeter,A-Gyimesi,Z/Kecskemet 1994/ (29)'' Ftacnik,L: "½-½ Groszpeter,A-Gyimesi,Z/Kecskemet 1994/ (29)";

B2c12) 23...g6 24.Kf2 Kf7 25.Bd4 Re6 26.Bd3 Ke7 27.Nf1 Kd6 ½-½ (46) Gross,D-Simacek,P/Prerov 2001/ 28.b4± *(28.Ne3 Bh3 29.b4 Re8 30.Kg3 Be6 31.h4 Rg8 32.Ng4 Bxg4 33.Kxg4* Ftacnik,L: '



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B2c13) 23...a5N After the game I was really surprised when it's turned out that only this move is a novelty.The idea was to avoid fixing of the a6-pawn with b4. 24.Bd3 *(* Too early Too early *24.Nf5 Re2! 25.Bd1 Re4* and black is ok. and black is ok.*)* 24...Bd7! *(* In case of In case of *24...c6 25.Nf5* my bishop would remain out of play on g4 and also the c6-pawn is getting weak. my bishop would remain out of play on g4 and also the c6-pawn is getting weak.*)* 25.h4! First of all White improves his position on the king side and creates a positional threat of h5. *(*Now Now *25.Nf5* is not dangerous. is not dangerous. *)* 25...g6

B2c131) Also immediate Also immediate 26.h5!? deserved serious attention and Balck has to make a choice between allowing h6 or exchanging h and g-pawns for White's h-pawn. deserved serious attention and Balck has to make a choice between allowing h6 or exchanging h and g-pawns for White's h-pawn. gxh5 *(26...Kf7!?)* 27.Nxh5 Kf7 28.Bd4 *(28.Bxh7!? ⩲Rh8 29.Nf6!)*;

B2c132) 26.Kf2 White is improving the position of his king. White is improving the position of his king. 26...Kf7 27.Ne2 a4 28.Nd4 c6 Now I have only one weakness on the queen side on c6 which can be defended easily. I just need to trade the king side pawns. Now I have only one weakness on the queen side on c6 which can be defended easily. I just need to trade the king side pawns. 29.Nf3 Bf5!? A bit risky, but probably correct

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B2c2) 22...h5 23.Rxf3 Bxf3 24.Bg6 Re6 25.Bf5 Rc6 26.Bd4 Bg4 27.Bxg4 hxg4 28.Nf5 Re6 29.Ne3= ½ (71) Van Foreest,J (2714)-Le,Q (2709) Oslo 2022]

[19.Kg1 Qxf3 *(19...Qg5+ 20.Ng3 g6∞)* 20.Qxf3 Rxf3 21.Re1

A) 21...Kf7

A1) 22.Ng3 g6 23.a4 *(23.Rf1 Rxf1+ 24.Nxf1 d4 25.Bxd4 Bxa2 26.Ne3 Ke6 27.Kf2 Kd6 28.b4 a5 29.bxa5 Ra8 30.Bd3 Rxa5 31.Ng4 c5 32.Be5+ Kd5∓* 0-1 Hala,M-Sandor,C/Pardubice 1996/ (45)*)* 23...h5 24.Rf1 Rxf1+ 25.Nxf1 Bf5 26.Bxf5 gxf5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Kf2 Ra8 29.Kg3 Ke6 30.Ne3 Ra2= Kalod,R-Mikhalevski,A/Pardubice 1996/ ½-½ (46) Ftacnik,L: ' ∓' '∓' Ftacnik,L: 'Kalod,R-Mikhalevski,A/ Pardubice 1996/ ½-½ (46)';

A2) 22.Re2!? Ftacnik,L: "!?' Mikhalevski,V. ' Bh3 23.Rf2 Rf6 24.Ne3 Re5? 25.Rxf6+ gxf6 26.Kf2± 1-0 (72) Shmuter,L (2480)-Mikhalevski,V (2525) Rishon Le Ziyyon 1995 Ftacnik,L: '±' '±' Ftacnik,L: '1-0 Shmuter,L (2480)-Mikhalevski,V (2525)/ Rishon Le Ziyyon 1995/ (72)';

A3) 22.Nd2!? '!?' This time Konstantin comes with an interesting novelty.This time Konstantin comes with an interesting novelty. 22...Rf4□

A3a) 23.Be3!? deserves serious attention.In the following complications White obtain slightly better play. deserves serious attention.In the following complications White obtain slightly better play.

A3a1) 23...Bh3!? 24.Bxf4 Rxe1+ 25.Kf2 Ra1∞ *(25...Re7 26.Nf3)*;

A3a2) 23...Rf6? 24.Bg5 Bf5 25.Rxe8 Rg6 26.Re5!+-;

A3a3) 23...Bd7!?;

A3a4) 23...Bf5 24.Bxf4 *(24.Bb3 c6)* 24...Rxe1+ 25.Kf2 Re6!± Ftacnik,L: '!'

A3a41) 26.Bxf5!? Rf6

A3a411) 27.Bxh7 Rxf4+ 28.Kg3

A3a4111) 28...Ra4?! 29.Bb1 △d4 *(29...b4 30.c4!)* 30.Bc2! Ra5 31.b4 Ra3 32.Nb1+-;

A3a4112) 28...Rf6!;

A3a412) 27.Bxc7

Rxf5+ 28.Ke3±;

A3a42) 26.Bb3! c6 27.Nf3 Kf6! 28.Nd4 *(28.Bg5+!?)* 28...Re4

A3a421) 29.Kf3 g5;

A3a422) 29.Kg3 g5;

A3a423) 29.Bd6!? Bd7 *(29...Re8!?)* 30.Bc2 Re8 △31.Bxh7 g6 32.Nf3! Kg7 *(⌓32...Bg4!)* 33.Ng5 *(33.Bxg6? Kxg6 34.Ne5+ Kf5 35.Nxd7 Ke6-+)* 33...Kh6 34.h4 *(34.Bf4 Rh8 35.Ne4+ g5! 36.Nxg5 Rxh7 37.Nxh7+ Kxh7 38.b4±)* 34...Rh8 35.Kg3! △Rxh7? 36.Bf8+ Rg7 37.Kf4+-;

A3a424) 29.Bg3 Bd7 *(29...Bg4!?)* 30.Bc2 Re7 31.b4!±;

A3b) 23.Bf2?! c6!

A3b1) 24.Nb3!?

A3b11) ⌓24...g6! 25.Nc5 *(25.Bg3 Bh3!)*

A3b111) 25...Bf5 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Bxf5 *(27.Bg3 Rf3 28.Kg2? Rxg3+!)* 27...Rxf5 28.Nxa6;

A3b112) 25...Bc8 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.b4∞;

A3b12) △24...Bf5? 25.Rxe8 Kxe8 26.Bg3 Rf3 27.Nd4;

A3b2) 24.Bg3 Rf6

A3b21) 25.Bxh7!? g6 26.Re3! *(26.Be5 Rf5 △27.Bd4 c5 28.Bxc5 Kg7)* 26...Rf5 *(26...Rh8? 27.Nf3!)* 27.Nf3 Rxf3 28.Rxf3+ Kg7 29.Bxg6 Kxg6=;

A3b22) 25.Kg2= ½ (55) Aseev,K (2519)-Mikhalevski,V (2531) St Petersburg 1999 Probably White should already think about clear equality by means of 25. ♗:h7 as after serial of exchanges which has occuried in the game Black gets slightly better position. Probably White should already think about clear equality by means of 25. ♗:h7 as after serial of exchanges which has occuried in the game Black gets slightly better position. Ftacnik,L: 'Probably White should already think about clear equality by means of 25. ♗:h7 as after serial of exchanges which has occuried in the game Black gets slightly better position.' 25...Bf5! Ftacnik,L: 'It's very useful to exchange as many pieces as possible since pair ♗+♘ loses part of its strength.'It's very useful to exchange as many pieces as possible since pair ♗+♘ loses part of its strength. 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Bxf5 Rxf5∓ ½-½ Aseev,K (2519)-Mikhalevski,V (2531)/St

Petersburg 1999/ (55) Ftacnik,L: '½-½ Aseev,K (2519)-Mikhalevski,V (2531)/St Petersburg 1999/ (55)';

B) 21...g6 22.Re3 Rxe3 23.Nxe3 a5 24.Bd3 c6 25.Kf2 a4 26.Nc2 Bd7 27.Nd4± ½ (64) Illingworth,M (2489)-Short,N (2664) Pattaya 2015]

[19.Bd3 Whith this new move (19.♔g2 is the old move) White is preparing to meet 19. -♗g4 with 20.♗e2. However, Yusupov`s strong answer puts the value of 19. ♗d3 in doubt. 'Whith this new move White is preparing to meet 19. -♗g4 with 20.♗e2. However, Yusupov`s strong answer puts the value of 19. ♗d3 in doubt.' Whith this new move (19.♔g2 is the old move) White is preparing to meet 19. -♗g4 with 20.♗e2. However, Yusupov`s strong answer puts the value of 19. ♗d3 in doubt.' Whith this new move White is preparing to meet 19. -♗g4 with 20.♗e2. However, Yusupov`s strong answer puts the value of 19. ♗d3 in doubt.' Bh3! '↑!' Ftacnik,L: '↑!' '↑!' 20.Ng3 h5 '!' Ftacnik,L: '!' '!' 21.Bf1 '!' Ftacnik,L: '!' '!' *(21.Nxh5* '?' Ftacnik,L: '?' '?' *Qg5 22.Ng3 d4! 23.Bxd4 c5*-+ (Yusupov) *)* 21...Bg4 '!?' Ftacnik,L: '!?' '!?' 22.Bg2 h4 23.Nf1 h3 23. -♖e4!? '?!' Schussler: '23. -♖e4!?' 23. -; e4!? '?!' Schussler: '23. -♖e4!?' Ftacnik,L: '?!' '?!' 24.Bh1 Re4 *(24...Qg6 25.Ng3)* 25.Ng3 *(25.Be3!?∞)* 25...Rf4∓ 0-1 (37) Short,N (2660)-Jussupow,A (2610) Belgrade 1989 Ftacnik,L: '0-1 Short,N-Yusupov,A/Beograd/1989/ (37)']

19...d4!!

[19...h5 20.Qd3 Qg5+ 21.Kh1 Bf5 22.Qxd5 c6 23.Qxc6 Bd7 24.Qg6 *(24.Qd6 Re6 25.Qb8+ Re8 26.Qd6=)* 24...Qxc5 25.Bb3± Kuprejcik-Shereshevskij/URS/1978 Ree7 26.Ng3 Bc6! 27.Ne4! *(27.Rf1 Kf8! 28.Bxf7 Rxf7 29.Kg2 h4! 30.Ne4 Bxe4 31.Qxe4 Re7! 32.Qxh4 Re2+ 33.Rf2 Rxf2+ 34.Qxf2 Qg5+! 35.Qg3 Qd2+=)* 27...Qe3?! 28.Rf1 Qe2 29.Qg2!± 1-0 Vojna,A-Eriksen/corr/1987 (37) Ftacnik,L: '!' '!']

[19...Qg5+!?

A) 20.Kh1

A1) 20...d4!

A1a) 21.Bxd4? Bd5

A1a1) 22.Bb3! c5 23.Be3 *(⌓23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Bf2 Qxf3+ 25.Qxf3 Rxf3 26.Bxc5 Re2∓)* 23...Bxb3 24.Bxg5 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Rxf3 26.Kg2 Rf5 27.h4 *(27.Be3 Rxf1! 28.Kxf1 Rxe3 29.Rd6 Rf3+! 30.Kg2 Rf6)* 27...Re2+ 28.Kh3 Rxb2 29.Ne3 Rff2! 30.Kg3 *(30.Rd8+ Rf8)* 30...Rbd2! 31.Be7 Rfe2!-+ 0-1 Acs,P (2460)-Mikhalevski,A (2470)/ Budapest 1997/ (47);

A1a2) 22.Nd2 Rxf3! 23.Nxf3 Re1+!-+;

A1b) 21.Qxd4 Rxf3 22.Be4 Rf4 23.Re1 *(23.Ng3 Rxe4 24.Nxe4 Bd5 25.Re1 Qf5-+)* 23...Rxe4! 24.Rxe4 Bd5-+ ∓ Gruenfeld,Y-Mikhalevsky,V/ Israel (ch)/1991/ ∓ Gruenfeld, Y-Mikhalevsky,V/Israel (ch)/ 1991/;

A2) 20...Qh5 21.Nd2 Bh3∞;

B) 20.Ng3

B1) 20...h5 21.Kh1 *(21.f4 Rxf4 22.Qxh5 Qxh5 23.Nxh5±)* 21...h4 22.Qd3 Qh6 23.Be3 Qh8 24.Nf1 Bf5∓ Soffer,R;

B2) 20...g6 21.Qd4 *(⌓21.a4)* 21...Bd7 22.Rf1 *(22.h4? Kortschnoj Re2+-+)* 22...Rf4 23.Qd3 *(23.Qd2? Kortschnoj Bh3+! 24.Kh1 Bxf1 25.Nxf1 Qe5∓)* 23...Rh4→ 24.Rh1 c6 25.Kf2= 0-1 (37) Acs,P (2440)-Gyimesi,Z (2545)/Budapest 1996/ Qh6

B2a) 26.Kg2? Re1! 27.Bg1 *(27.Rxe1 Rxh2+ 28.Kg1 Qh3-+)* 27...Bh3+ 28.Kf2 Qc1 29.b3 Rf4-+;

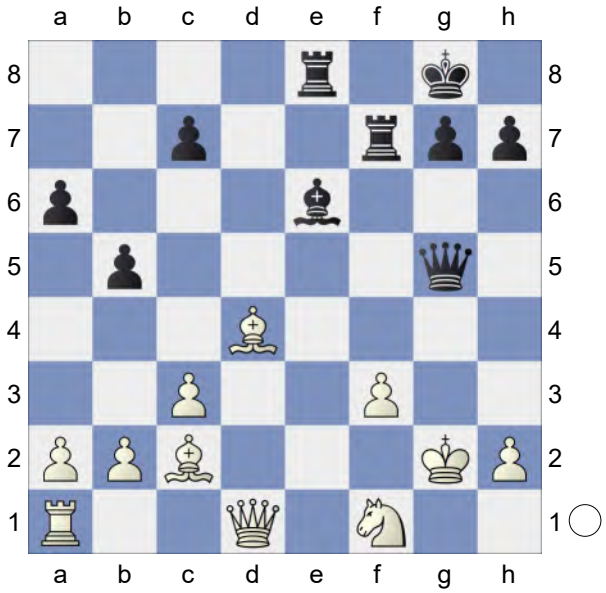
B2b) 26.Nf1 Qc1 27.Qd2 *(27.Rg1? Kortschnoj Qe1+ 28.Kg2 Re2+ 29.Kh1 Qxf1-+)* 27...Qxb2 28.Bd3 Qxd2+ 29.Nxd2 a5

This ending is different from the standard Dilworth ending, were White has lost the f-pawn instead of the b-pawn. Black has a material advantage and all white pawns are weak, but the f-pawn helps in defending the king. 30.Nb3 *(30.a3!± Kortschnoj)* 30...b4? Ambitious, but weakening. 31.cxb4 *(31.Bd4!?)* 31...axb4 32.Kg3 Rh3+ 33.Kg2 Ra8 *(⌓33...Rh4)* 34.Ra1 Rh4 35.a3? *(35.Be7! Rf4 36.Kg3 Rf7 37.Bxb4±; 35.Kg3 Kortschnoj Rh3+=)* 35...bxa3 36.Rxa3 Rxa3 37.Bxa3 Ra4∓ 0-1 Acs,P (2440)-Gyimesi,Z (2545)/Budapest 1996/ (69) Ruy Lopez Open Variation-17.♗c5 ♘f3 18.gf3 ♖f7 Survey 2006 Lexikon06 [Ftacnik,L]]

[19...Bf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Ng3 Qg5 22.Qd3 h5 23.h4!± Qxh4 24.Rh1 Qc4 25.Qxc4 bxc4 26.Rxh5 1-0 Ilincic,Z (2490)-Todorovic,G (2415)/Kladovo 1990/ (63)]

[19...Qh4 20.Ng3 Bh3+ *(20...Rf6 21.Qd3 Rh6 22.Rh1±* Ernst,T-Bjarnasson,S,Limhamn 1991*)* 21.Kg1 c6 22.a4 Qf4 23.axb5 axb5 24.Qd3 g6 25.Bd1± Polster,W-Winkelmann,H,CC-BdF-Meisterkl-Vorr J17 1987]

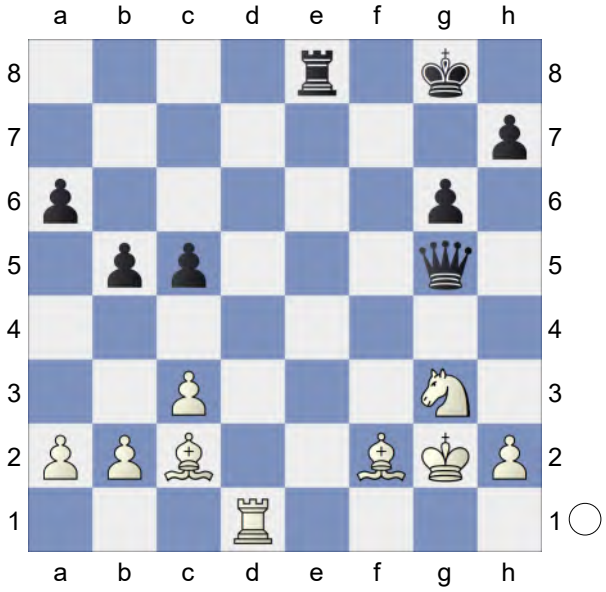
20.Bxd4 Qg5+



21.Ng3

[21.Kh1 Bd5 22.Bb3! '!' c5 23.Be3 *(⌓23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Bf2 Qxf3+ 25.Qxf3 Rxf3 26.Bxc5 Re2∓)* 23...Bxb3 24.Bxg5 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Rxf3 26.Kg2 Rf5 27.h4 *(27.Be3 Rxf1! 28.Kxf1 Rxe3 29.Rd6 Rf3+! 30.Kg2 Rf6)* 27...Re2+ 28.Kh3 Rxb2 29.Ne3 Rff2! '!' 30.Kg3 Rbd2! '!' 31.Be7 Rfe2!-+ 0-1 Acs,P (2460)-Mikhalevski,A (2470)/Budapest 1997/ (47) Ftacnik,L: '!' '!' 32.Rxd2 Rxe3+ 33.Kf4 Rxe7 0-1 Acs,P-Mikhalevski,A/

Budapest FS08 GM 1997/ (47)]
21...c5 22.Bf2 Rxf3 23.Kxf3 Bg4+ 24.Kg2 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Ftacnik,L: 'Kupreichik,V-Mikhalevski,A Belarus Cup, 1981' Ftacnik,L: 'Kupreichik,V-Mikhalevski,A Belarus Cup,1981' **25...g6**



26.a4
[26.b4!?
A) 26...c4 27.Rd7 Qc1 28.Be4
A1) 28...Qxc3?! 29.Bd5+ *(29.Bd4 Qd2+ 30.Kh3 Re5∞)* 29...Kh8 30.Ne4 *(30.Bf7 Re3)* 30...Rxe4 *(30...Qe5 31.Bc6±)* 31.Bxe4±;
A2) 28...Qb2 29.Bd5+ Kh8 30.Ne4 Rf8∞ *(30...Qe2 31.Nf6+-)* 31.Bf7 Qe2 32.Nf6 Qc2 33.Ng4 h5 34.Ne5 Qe4+=;
B) 26...Re2 27.h4
B1) 27...Qg4 28.Rd8+ *(28.Bb3+? c4 29.Rd4? Rxf2+ 30.Kxf2 cxb3 31.Rxg4 bxa2-+)* 28...Kf7 29.Bd1 Qxh4∞;
B2) 27...Rxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qxh4 29.Kg2 cxb4 30.Rd4 Qf6 31.Ne4∞]
26...Re2 27.h4 Rxf2+
[27...Qg4!? 28.Rd8+ Kf7 29.Bd1 Qxh4 30.Rd7+ *(30.Bxe2 Qxd8 31.axb5 axb5 32.Bxb5 Qd5+∓)* 30...Re7 31.Rd6 Qg5]
28.Kxf2 Qxh4 29.Kg2
[29.Be4]
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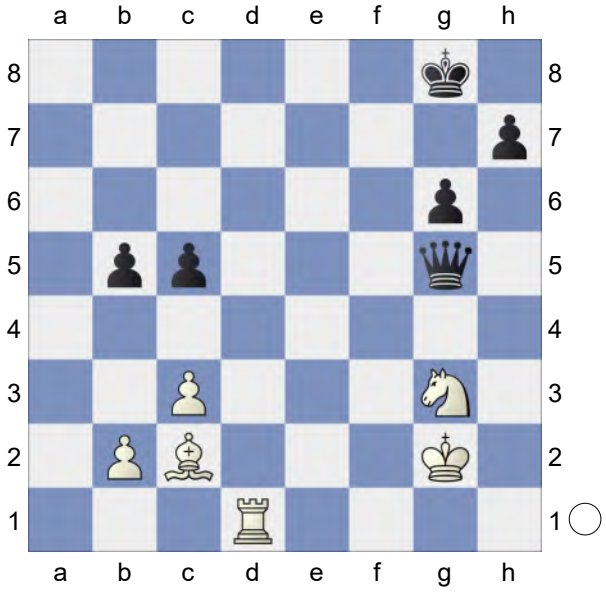
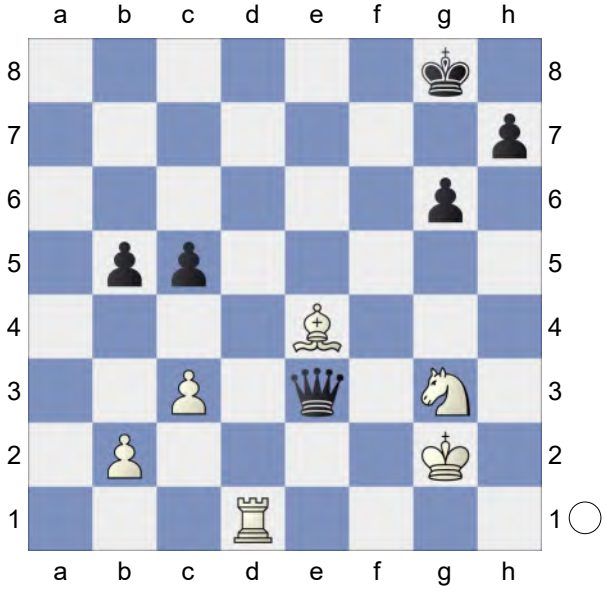


31.Be4 Qe3∞



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S (2535)-Kaidanov,G (2600)/Chandler 1997/'

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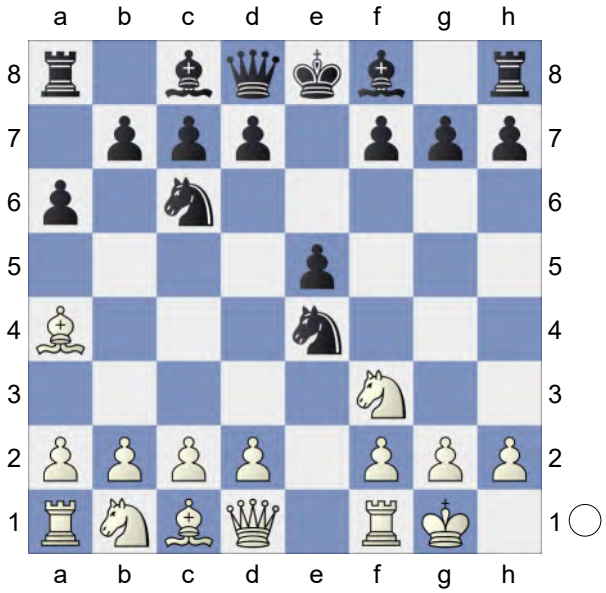
□ **Boulos,Carlos** **2460**
■ **Pereira,Avaro F P** **2470**
corr 54/84 (6) 07.08.1997
[Hilbert biog of Napier #94]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
'Kaidanov,G: 'Inf 71/356' Mikhalevski, Victor: 'Mikhalevski,V: 'Kaidanov,G: 'Inf 71/356'"' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

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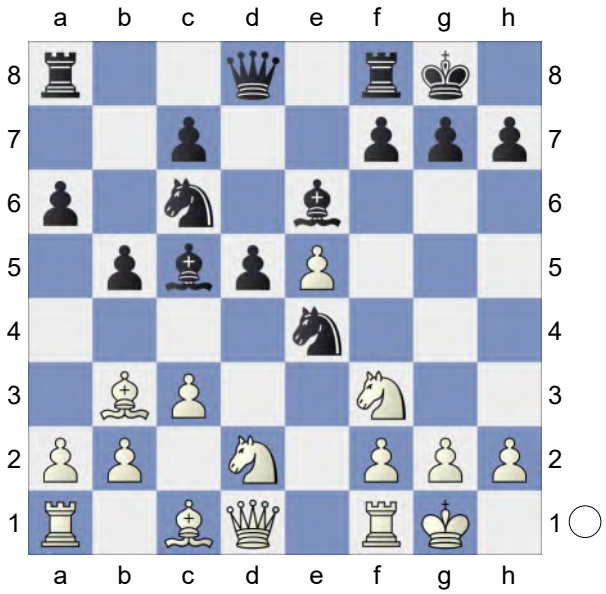
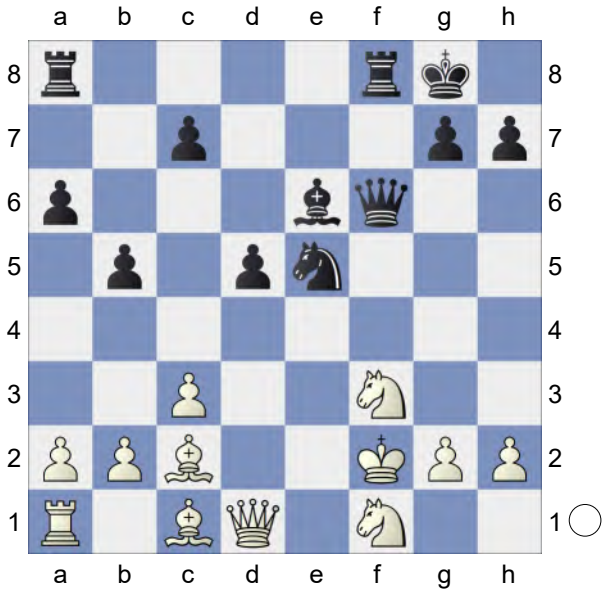


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5



16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7 The board is on fire. **19.Kg2**

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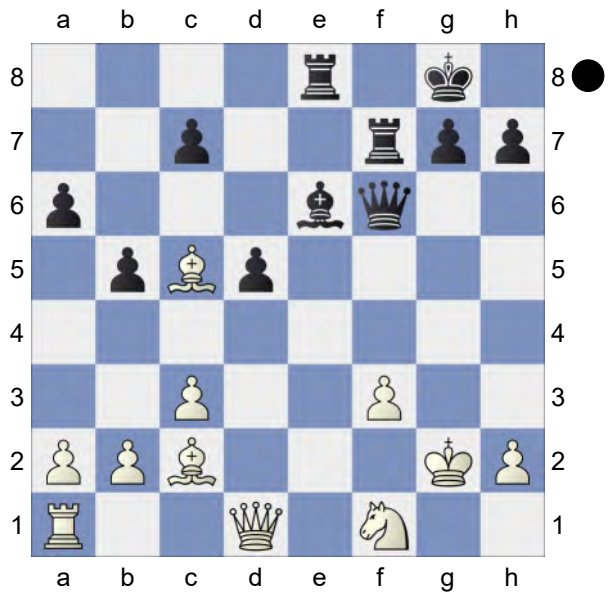
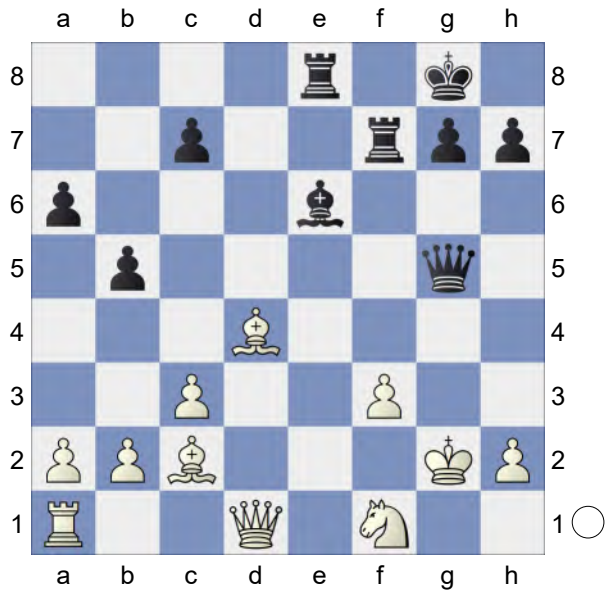
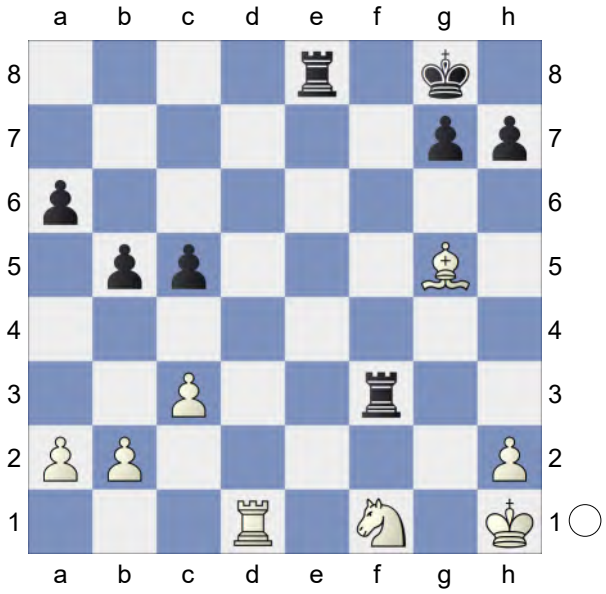


d4! The position is equal. **20.Bxd4**
This pair of bishops is nice.
[20.Qxd4? Qxf3+ 21.Kg1 Bd5-+]
20...Qg5+



21.Kh1
[21.Ng3 h4! would now be deadly. c5! 22.Bf2 Rxf3! 23.Kxf3 -0.69/18 *(*Better is *23.Be4!=* -0.06/19 *Bh3+ 24.Kxh3 Rxf2 25.Qd5+ Qxd5 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.b3)* 23...Bg4+∓ 24.Kg2 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 g6 26.a4 Re2 27.h4 Rxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qxh4 29.Kg2 Qg5 30.axb5 axb5 31.Be4 Qe3 ½-½ Kudrin,S (2535)-Kaidanov,G (2600) USA-ch G2 Chandler 1997 (5)]
21...Bd5 22.Bb3!
[22.Nd2? -2.60/20 22.Bb3 -0.06 Rxf3]
22...c5 23.Be3N
[23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Bg1 Qc6 25.Kg2 Ref8 26.Ne3 Rd7 27.Qe2 Rd2 0-1 Flores,D-Papp,G World Junior Championship, Athens 2001]
23...Bxb3!→ Black mounts an attack.
[23...Rxe3? 24.Bxd5 Re8 25.Bxf7+ Kxf7 26.Ng3+-]
24.Bxg5 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Rxf3

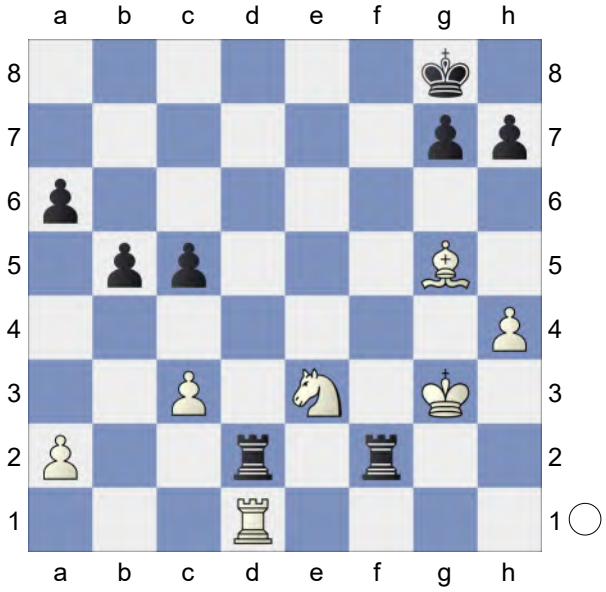


26.Kg2 Rf5 Black has compensation.
27.h4
[27.Be3 Rxf1 28.Kxf1 Rxe3 29.Rd6 Rf3+ 30.Kg2 Rf6]
[27.Be3 Rxf1! 28.Kxf1 Rxe3 29.Rd8+ Kf7∓]
27...Re2+ 28.Kh3 -0.97/22
[28.Kg3∓ -0.34/21]
28...Rxb2∓ Black is much more active.
29.Ne3 -1.25/19
[29.Ng3!= -0.28/20 remains equal. Rf8 30.Rd5]
29...Rff2 30.Kg3 -1.75/19

[30.Rd8+? -2.40/18 30.Nd5 -0.72 Rf8]
[30.Nd5∓ -0.90/18]

30...Rbd2

[30...Rxa2 31.Be7∓]



Now White is beyond hope. **31.Be7?** -3.35/20

[31.Rc1∓ -1.41/17]

31...Rfe2

[31...Rxa2 32.Rd8+ Kf7 33.Bxc5±]

32.Rxd2 Rxe3+ 33.Kf4 Rxe7-+

Endgame KR-KR. Black is two pawns up. **34.Rd6**

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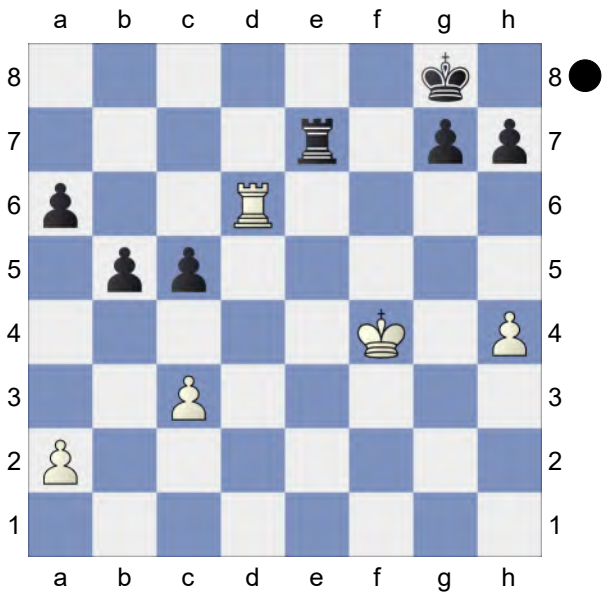
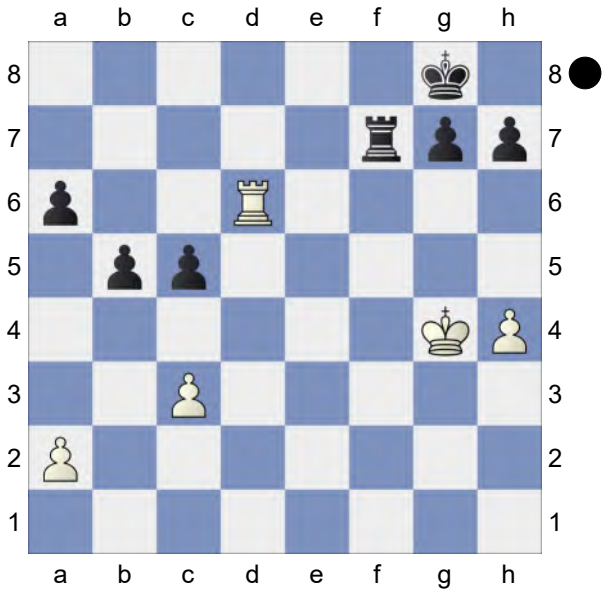


Rf7+! 35.Kg4

[35.Ke5 -4.00/18 35.Ke3 -2.71 Rf6 36.Rxf6 -5.82/16 *(36.Rd8+ -3.98/19 keeps fighting. Kf7 37.Kd5)* 36...gxf6+-+ 37.Kxf6 b4 38.cxb4 c4]



35...Rf6!

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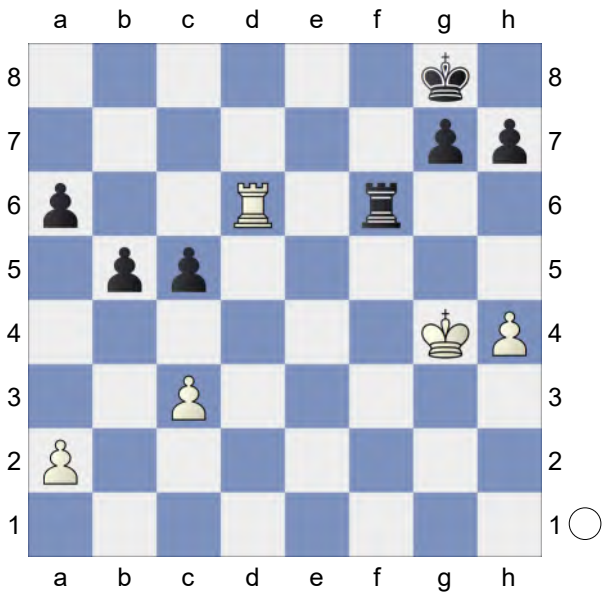
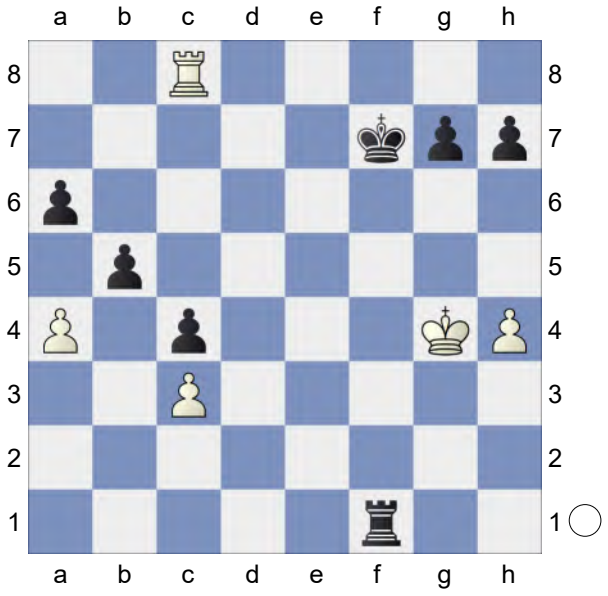
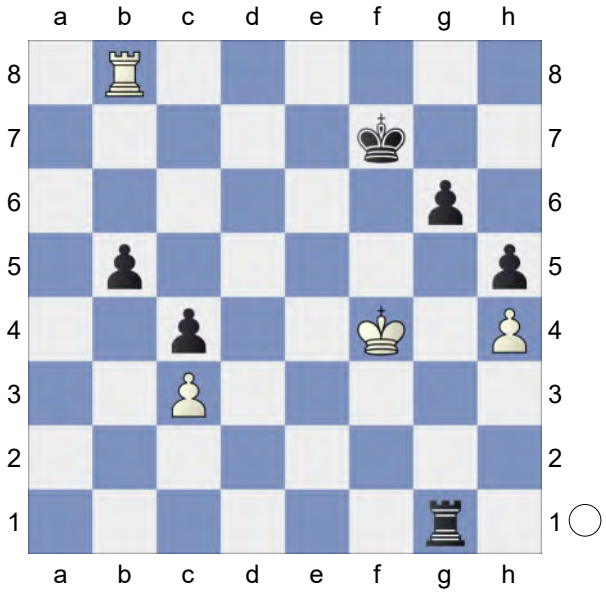


36.Rd8+ -3.94/21
[36.Rd5 -2.62/19 is the only way for White.]
36...Kf7 37.Rc8 c4 38.a4 Rg6+
Black is clearly winning.
[38...bxa4 39.Rxc4 Rg6+ 40.Kh3∓]
39.Kf5
[39.Kf4 h5]
39...Rf6+
[39...bxa4 40.Rc7+ Ke8 41.Rxc4∓]
40.Kg4 Rf1
[40...bxa4 41.Rxc4 h5+ 42.Kg5∓]

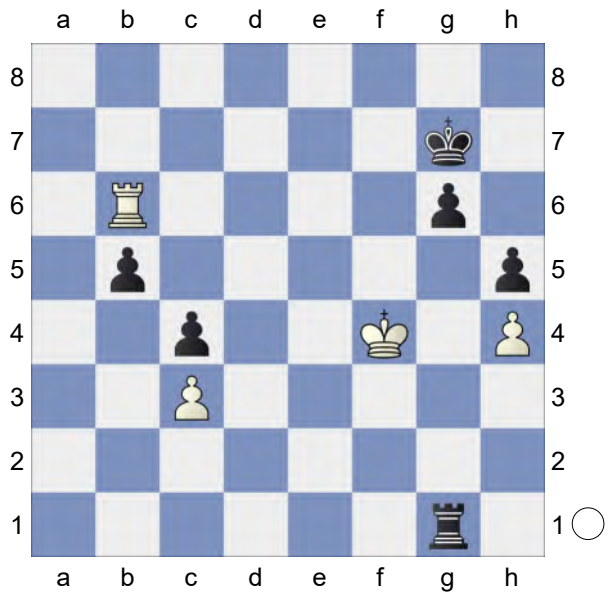


41.axb5
[41.Rc7+ Ke6 *(41...Kg6* -2.64/20 41...Ke6 -4.77 *42.Rc6+ Rf6 43.h5+)* 42.Rc6+ *(42.axb5 axb5 43.Rb7 Kd5 44.Rxb5+ Ke4)* 42...Kd5 43.Rxa6 b4 *(43...bxa4 44.Rxa4 Rc1 45.Ra7 Ke4 46.Rd7)* 44.Ra5+ Ke4 45.cxb4 c3 46.Rc5 Rg1+ 47.Kh5 Kd3 and ...c2 should not be overlooked 48.a5 c2 49.a6 c1Q 50.Rxc1 Rxc1 51.b5 Ra1]
41...axb5 42.Rb8 Rb1 43.Kf5 g6+ 44.Kg5 Rg1+ 45.Kf4
[45.Kh6 Rg4 46.Rb7+ Kf6 47.Rb6+ Kf5 48.Rxb5+ Ke4 49.Kxh7 Rxh4+ 50.Kxg6 Kd3]
45...h5



46.Rb7+
[46.Ke5 Kg7]
46...Kf6
[Weaker is 46...Ke6 47.Rb6+ Kd7 48.Rxb5-+]
47.Rb6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
47...Kg7

(Diagram)



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77 **C82**
□ **Gerzina,Mitja** **2415**
■ **Johansson,Krister** **2450**
corr EM/OL14/G1/B1 25.09.2000
[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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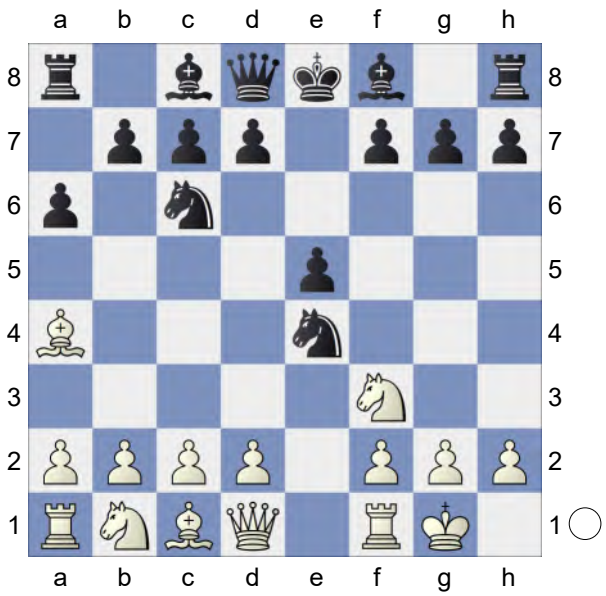
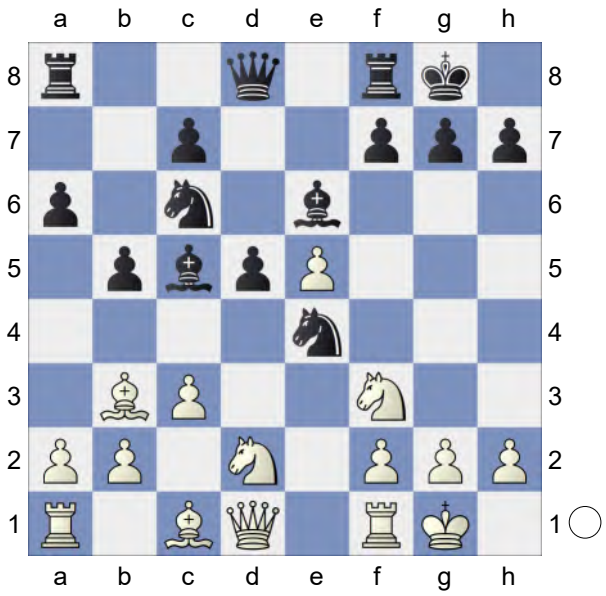
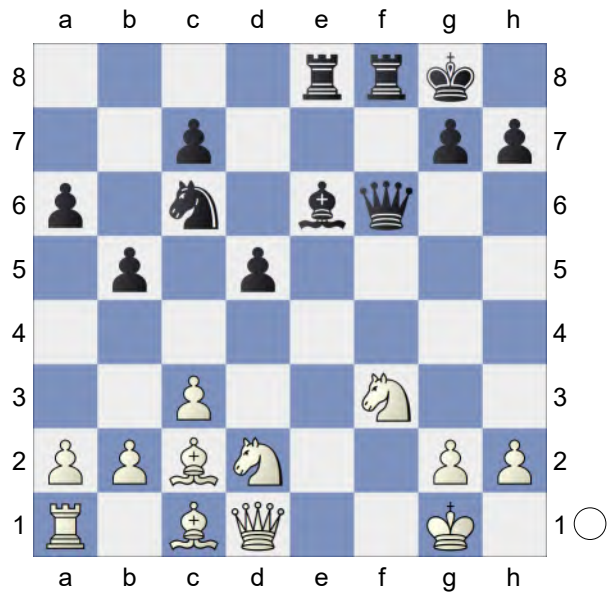


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

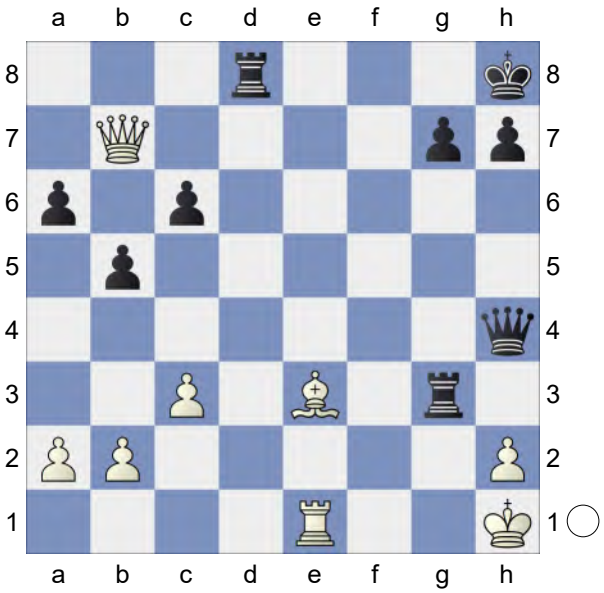


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Kg1 Rae8!

(Diagram)

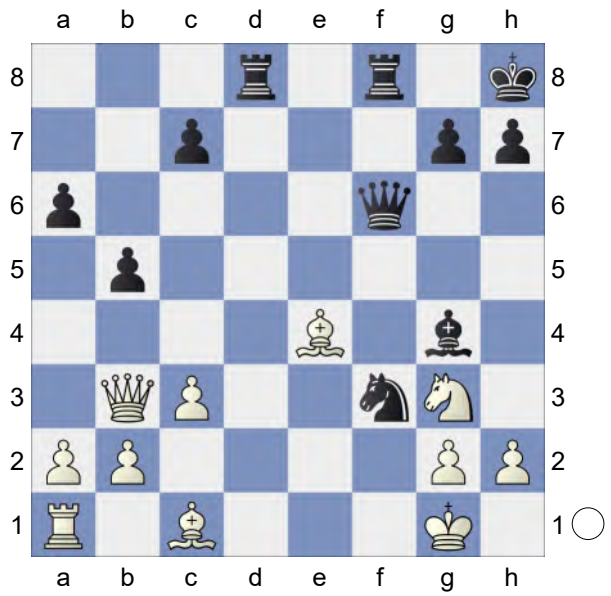


16.Nf1
[16.h3 Bxh3 17.Nf1 Ne5 18.N1h2 Qb6+ 19.Nd4 Bg4 20.Nxg4 Nxg4 21.Bg5 h5 22.Qd3 Re4 23.b4 Qd6 24.Qh3 Qe5 25.Bxe4 Qxg5 26.Bh7+ Kh8 27.Ne6 Qf6 28.Bf5 Qxf5 29.Nxf8 1-0 Amonatov,F (2610)-Hansen,S (2595) Baku ol (Men) 42nd 2016 (7.1)]
16...Ne5 17.Ng3N -3.04/19
[17.Be3= 0.06/21 and White has nothing to worry. Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 *(18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3=)* 18...Qxf3 19.Qxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2]
[17.Bf4 Qxf4 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Qd2 Bg4 20.b4 Qe2 21.Qxd5+ Kh8 22.h3 Qxc2 23.hxg4 Qb2 24.Rd1 Qf2+ 25.Kh2 Rf6 26.Ng3 Rh6+ 27.Qh5 Rxh5+ 28.gxh5 Qe3 29.Rd7 Qxc3 30.Kh3 g5 31.hxg6 Re3 0-1 (41) Wunsch-Marsano,A (1380) Schweiz 76/452 1999]
17...Bg4!-+ Black has a decisive advantage.
[17...Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Bd2∓]
18.Qxd5+ Kh8 19.Be4
[19.Nxe5? Qf2+ 20.Kh1 Qe1+]
19...Rd8!
[19...Bxf3 -1.53/21 19...Rd8 -3.33 20.gxf3 Rd8! 21.Qb7 c6? 0.30/26 *(*Better is *21...Rd1+!-+* -1.63/18 *22.Kg2 Qd6)* 22.Be3= Nxf3+ 23.Kh1 Qh4 24.Bxf3! Rxf3
A) 25.Re1! and Bd4! should not be overlooked Rdf8 *(25...Rxg3?* 1.79/20 25...Rdf8 0.31

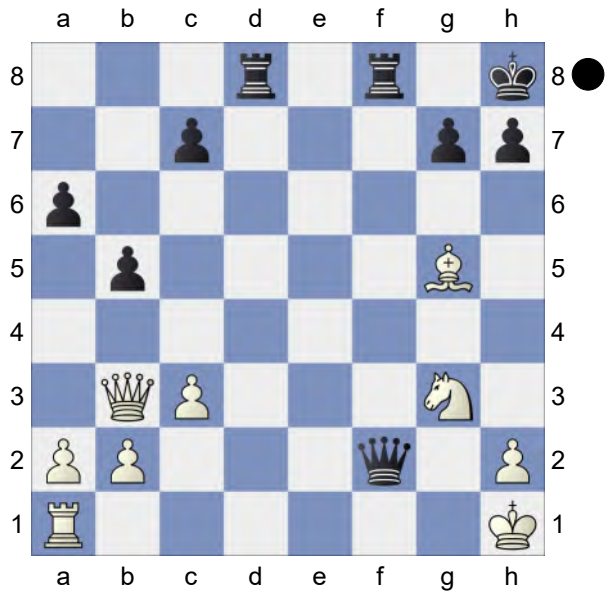


26.Bf2!) 26.Kg2;
B) 25.Re1!± 0.74/23;
C) 25.Bd4?? -4.03/20 25...Rxg3 0-1 Mannion-Wooldridge, Edinburgh 1999]
20.Qb3
[20.Qb7 Rd1+ 21.Kf2 *(21.Nf1* -6.99/18 21.Kf2 -4.00 *Nxf3+)* 21...Nxf3 22.gxf3 Bxf3 23.Bxf3 c6-+]
20...Nxf3+

(Diagram)



21.gxf3 Bxf3 22.Bxf3 Qxf3 23.Bg5 Qf2+ 24.Kh1



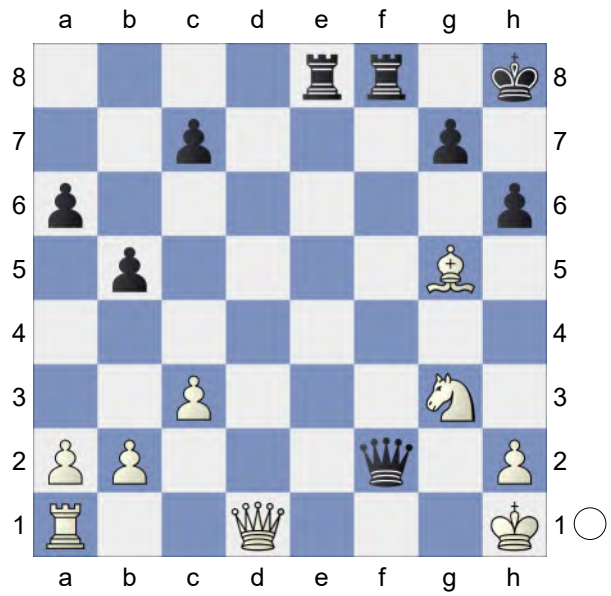
Rde8! 25.Qd1 Inhibits Re1+.

[25.Qd5 h6]

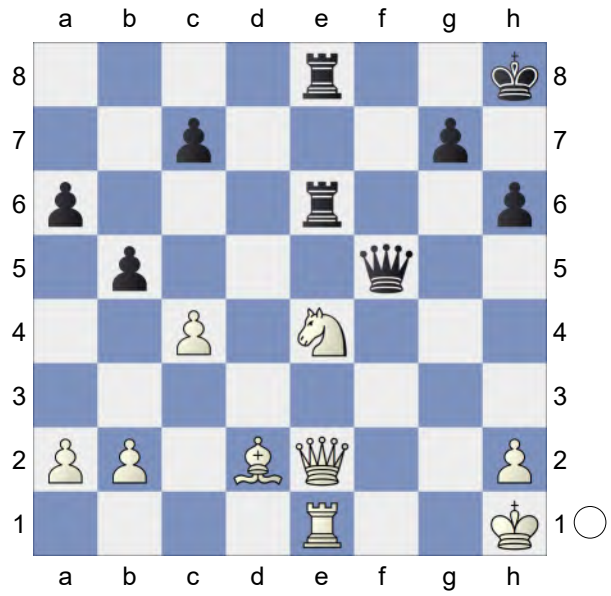
[25.Rf1? -6.90/25 25.Qd1 -3.33 Re1 26.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 27.Kg2 Rf2+ 28.Kh3 c6 Against Qd5. ...h5! would now be deadly. △29.Qb4 Qe6+ 30.Qg4 Rxh2+]

25...h6

[Much less strong is 25...Qxb2 26.Qc1 Qxc1+ 27.Rxc1-+]



26.Bd2 Rd8 27.Ne4 Qf5 28.Qe2 Rfe8 29.Re1 Re6 30.c4 Rde8

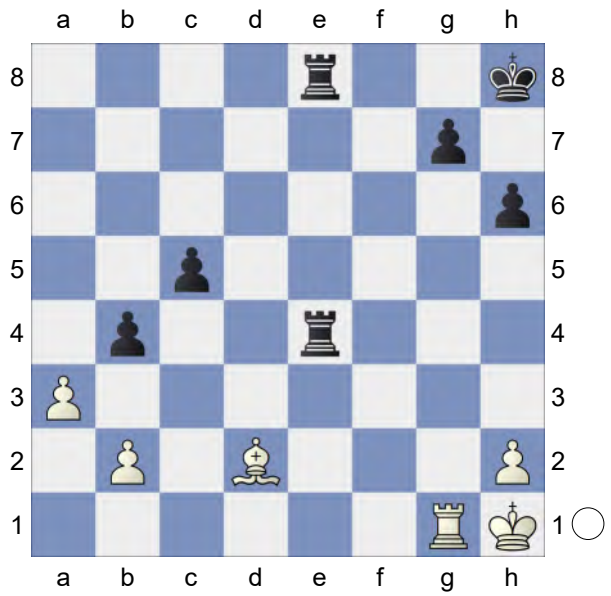


Black is clearly winning. **31.Qf1 Qxf1+** Deflection **32.Rxf1 Rxe4 33.cxb5 axb5 34.Rg1 b4 35.a3** White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=0.01 (flawless)

35...c5

(Diagram)



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78 **C82**

□ **Castillo,Eric**

■ **Salomo,Arifin**

corr AA/TC03 15.12.2020

[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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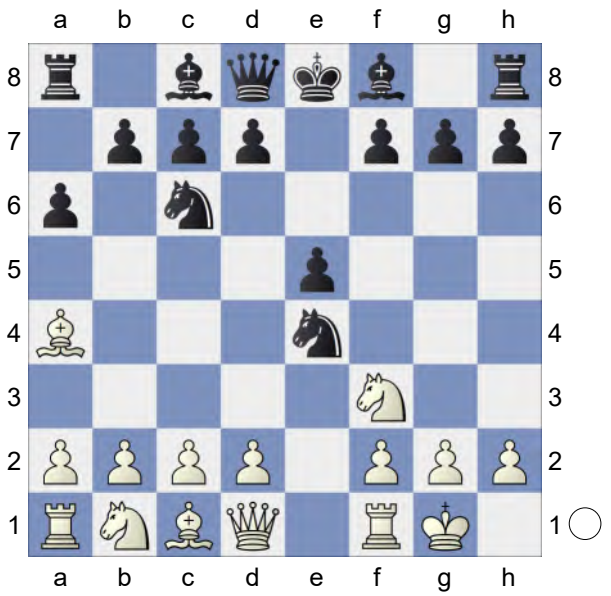
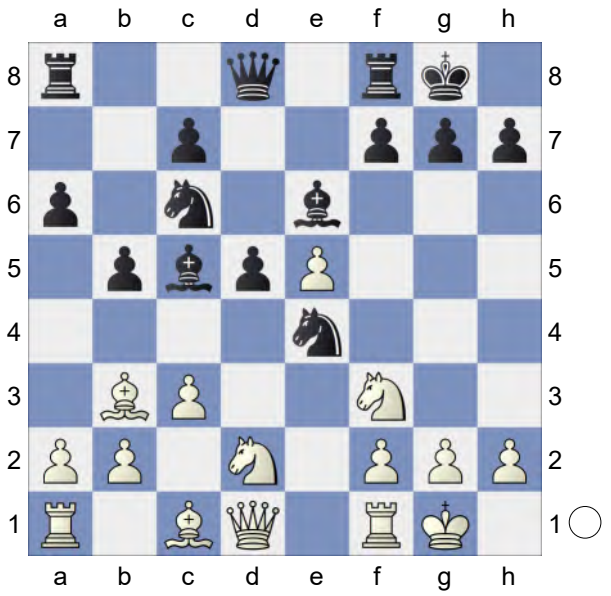


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6

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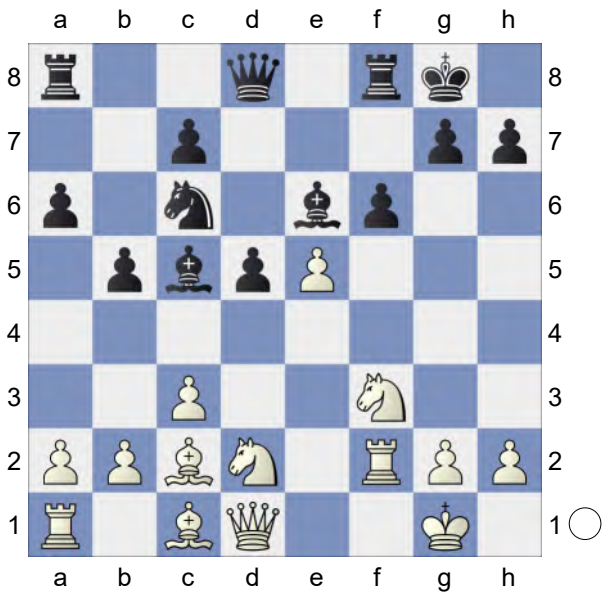
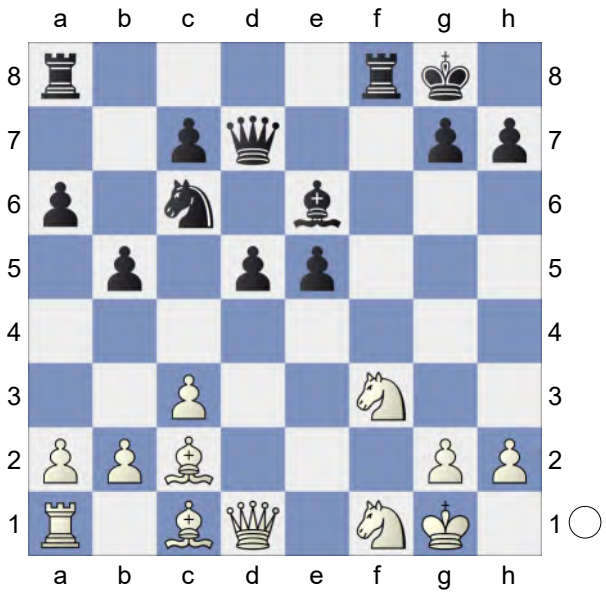


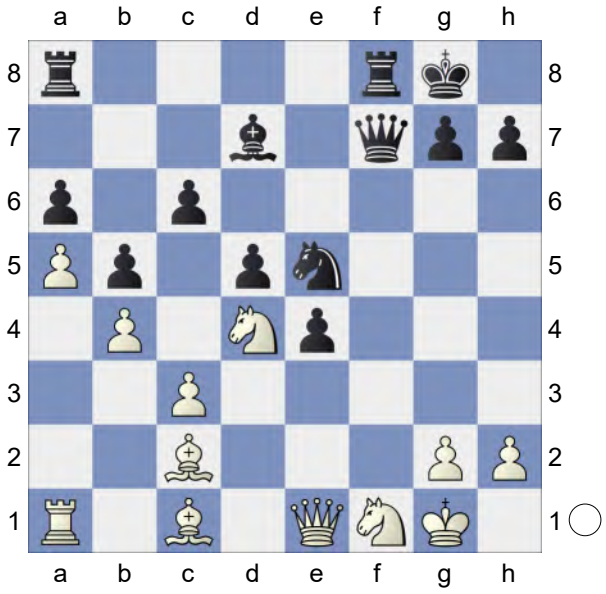
13.Nf1! Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 Threatens to win with Ng5. White is slightly better. **15...Qd7**



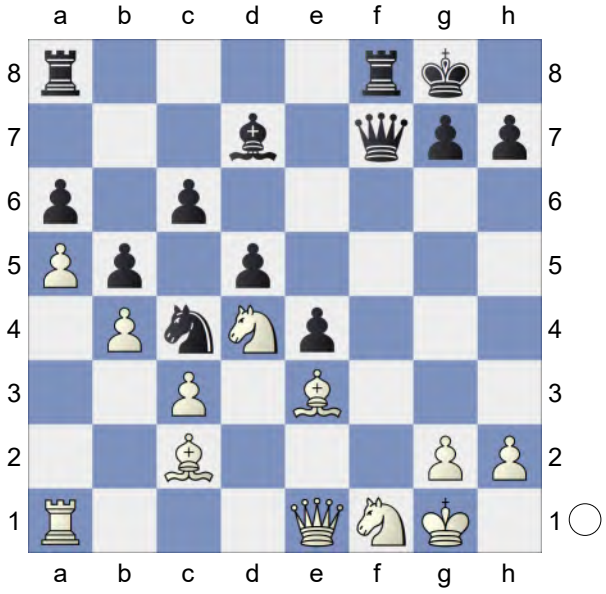
16.a4 White has compensation. **16...e4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.b4 Qf7 19.Qe1N** Prevents Qf2+

[19.Bg5 Bd7 20.a5 Qg6 21.Be7 Rf7 22.Bc5 Re8 23.Qe1 Rf3 24.Kh1 Rf6 25.Ne3 c6 26.Qg3 Qh6 27.Rg1 Rg6 28.Qe1 Qg5 29.Rf1 Rf6 30.Rxf6 Qxf6 31.Kg1 h5 32.h4 Nd3 33.Bxd3 exd3 1-0 (76) Homont,R (2382)-Wydornik,R (2273) corr BRA/CXEB50/Sf (BRA) 2020 34.Nb3 Bg4 35.Bd4 Qh6 36.Kh2 Be2 37.Qf2 Rf8 38.Nf5 Qe6 39.Qg3 Bg4 40.Ne3 Qg6 41.Nd2 Qh6 42.Qe5 Rf7 43.Kg1 Kh7 44.Nef1 Bd1 45.Be3 Qg6 46.Bg5 Rf8 47.Qd4 Bg4 48.Nb3 Re8 1-0 (76) Ivanchenko,S (2382)-Chigorin Variation (2273) Haninge 1992]

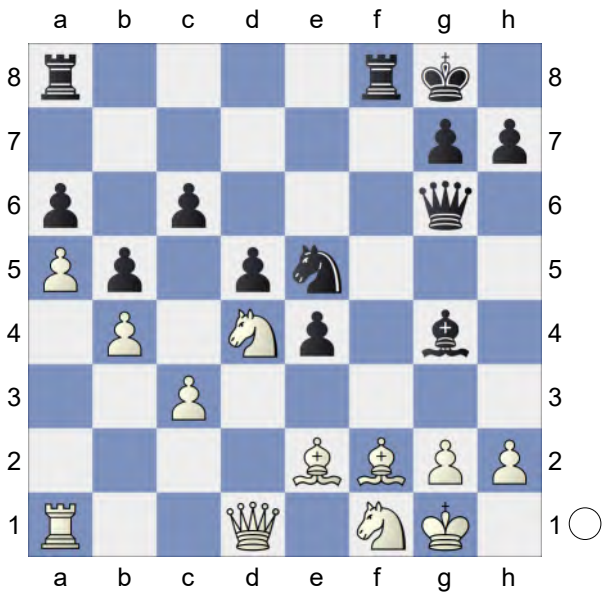
19...Bd7 20.a5 c6



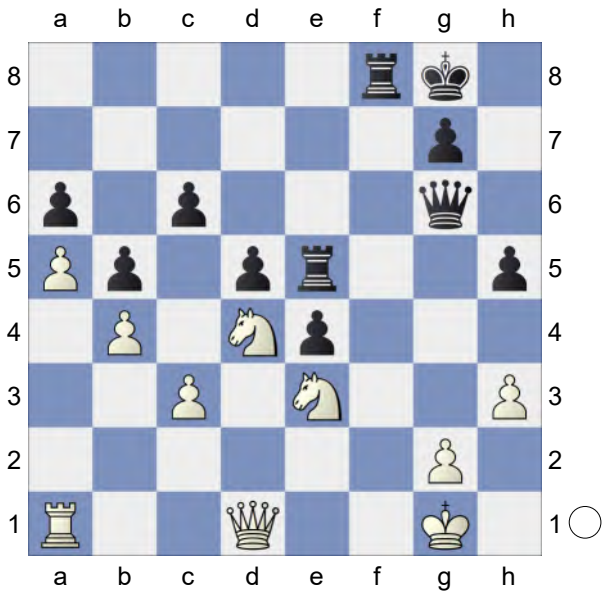
21.Be3 Nc4



22.Bf2 Qf6 23.Bd1 Ne5 24.Be2 Qg6 25.Qd1 Bg4



26.Bxg4 Nxg4 27.Bg3 Rae8 28.h3 Ne5 29.Bxe5 Rxe5 30.Ne3 h5



Wards off Qg4 **31.Ra2 Re7 32.Qe1 Ref7 33.Qh4 Qh6 34.Re2 Rf6 35.Qg3! R8f7**

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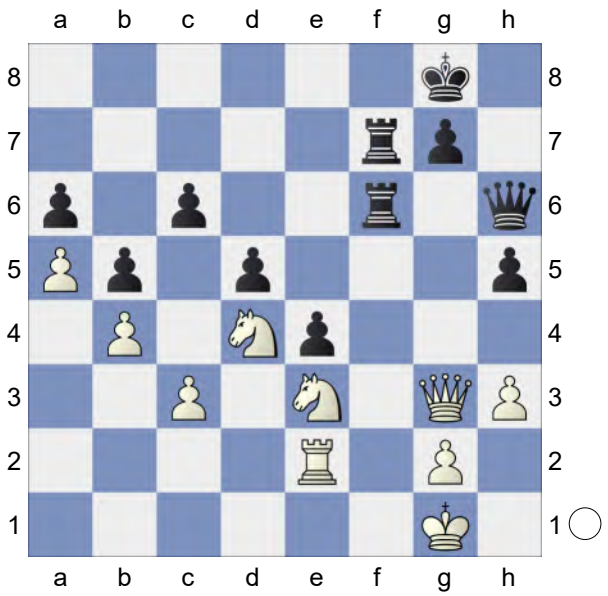
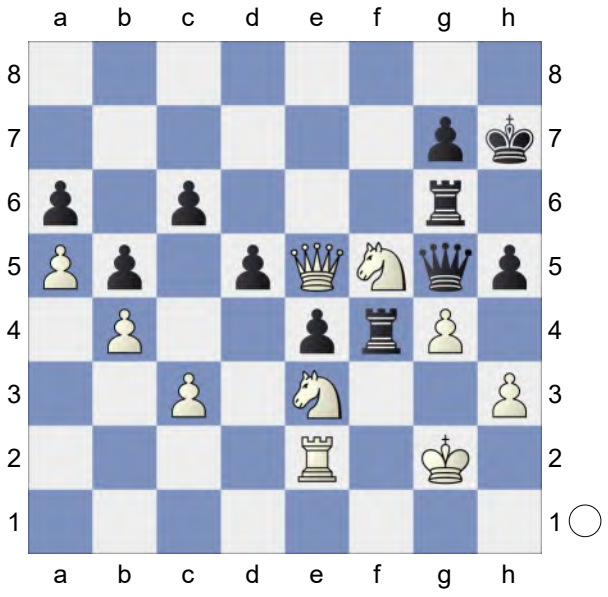
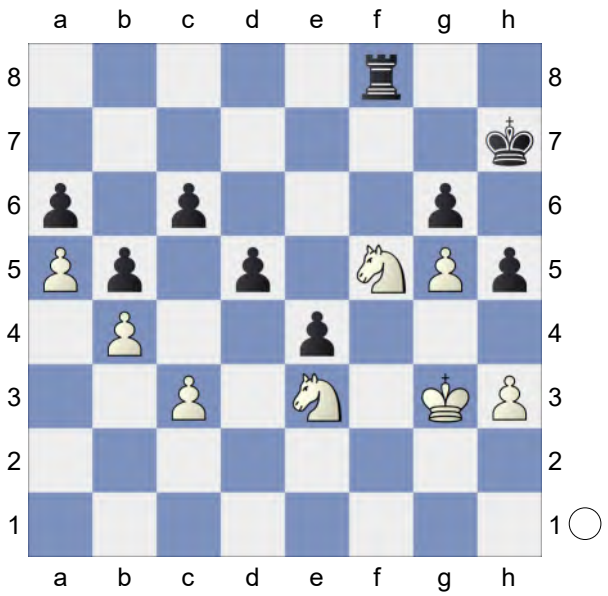


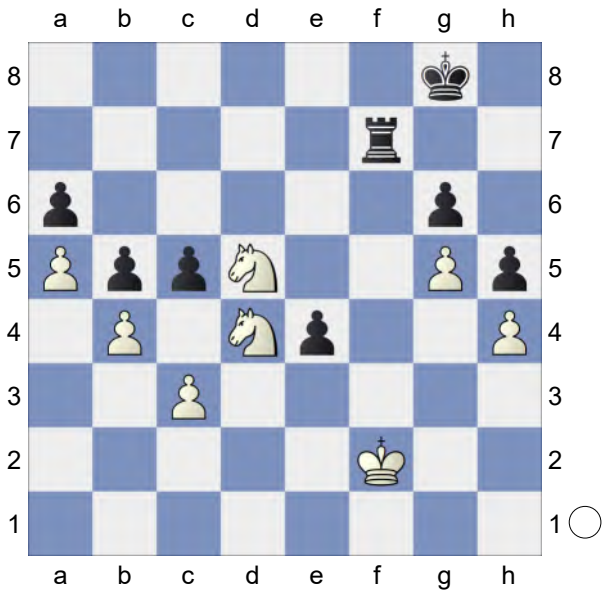
36.Qb8+ Kh7 37.Qe5 Rf8 38.g4 Rg6!
[38...hxg4? 39.hxg4 Qg6 40.Rh2+ Kg8 41.Qg3+- *(41.Ndf5 Rxf5 42.Nxf5 Qxg4+ 43.Rg2 Qd1+ 44.Kh2 Qh5+ 45.Kg1 Qd1+ 46.Kh2 Qh5+ 47.Kg1 Qd1+=)*]
39.Kg2 Rf4 40.Ndf5 Active counter play! A dynamic duo of knights. **40...Qg5**



41.Rf2 Against Rf3 **41...Rxf2+ 42.Kxf2 Qf6 43.Qxf6 Rxf6 44.g5**
[44.gxh5 g6 45.hxg6+ Kxg6∓]
44...Rf8⇄ Black is not keeping still
45.Kg3 g6



46.Nd4 Kg8 47.h4 Rf7 48.Kg2 Rc7 49.Kf2 c5! The position is equal. **50.Nxd5 Rf7+**



51.Nf6+ Rxf6+! 52.gxf6 cxd4= Endgame KP-KP. Black is a pawn up. **53.c4**

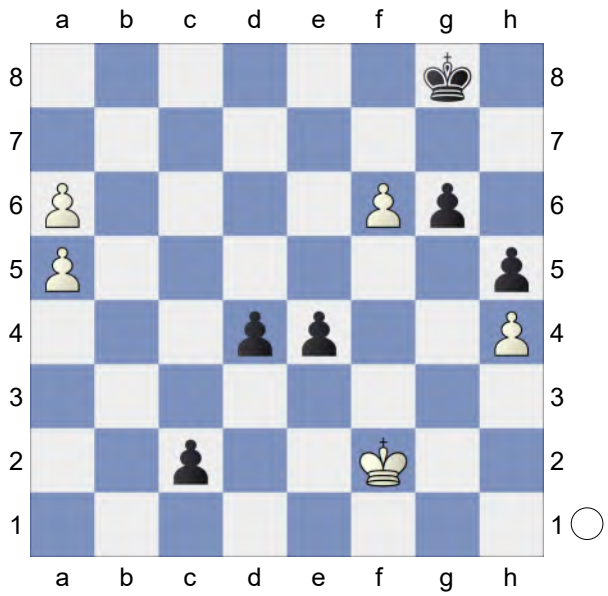
[53.cxd4 Kf7 54.Ke3 Kxf6 55.Kxe4 g5 56.hxg5+ Kxg5=]

53...bxc4 54.b5! c3

[54...axb5? 55.a6+-]

55.bxa6 c2

(Diagram)



56.a7 e3+ 57.Ke2 Kf7

[57...c1B 58.a8Q+ *(58.a8B Ba3±)* 58...Kf7 59.Qd5+ Kxf6 60.Qxd4+ Kf5 61.a6 Ba3 62.a7 *(62.Qxe3 Kg4 63.a7 Bc1 64.Qxc1 Kf5 65.a8Q Ke5 66.Qg5+ Kd6 67.Qad8+ Ke6 68.Qgf6#)*]

[57...c1N+? 58.Kf3 Kf7 59.a8Q+- *(59.a8B Nd3=)*]

58.a8Q Dancing on a razor blade.

[58.a8B c1Q *(58...c1B?* is the wrong capture. *59.a6+-)* 59.Kf3 Kxf6 60.Bb7 Qf1+ 61.Ke4 e2 62.Kd5 e1Q *(62...e1B 63.Kxd4 Qf4+ 64.Be4 Qe5+* Deflection *65.Kc4 Qxe4+ 66.Kb3 Qb1+ 67.Kc4 Ke5 68.Kc5 Bxa5 69.Kc6 Qb6+ 70.Kd7 Qe6#)* 63.Kc5 Qe7+ *(63...Qxh4* leads to mate. *64.Bd5 Qg3 65.Be4 Qc7+ 66.Bc6 Qc1+ 67.Kxd4 Qe5+ 68.Kd3 Qee3#)* 64.Kd5 Qe5+ Skewer 65.Kc6 Qfb5#]

58...d3+ 59.Kxd3 Threatening mate with Qd8. **59...c1Q** Hoping for ...Qd2+. **60.Qd5+ Kxf6**

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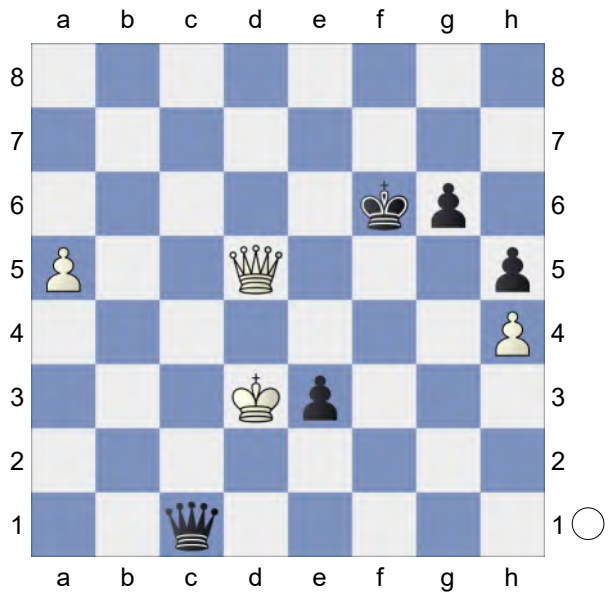

61.Ke2 Inhibits Qd1+. **61...Kg7**
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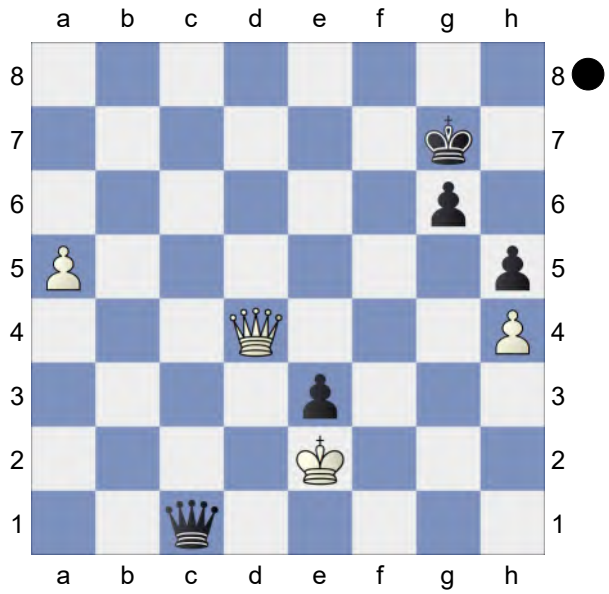
62.Qd4+



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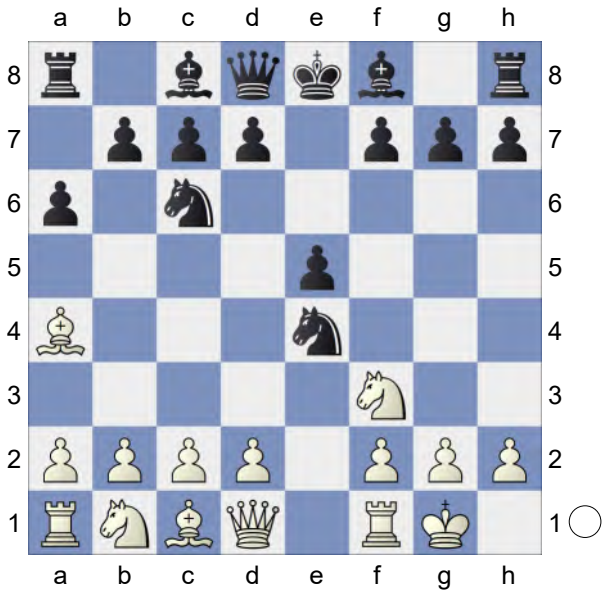
79 **C82**
□ **Kaminski,Marcin** **2450**
■ **Chekhov,Valery A** **2480**
Zubniewice 58/361 1993
[Chekhov,Valery A]

Chekhov,V: '58/361 ' Chekhov,V: 'Inf 58/361'
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

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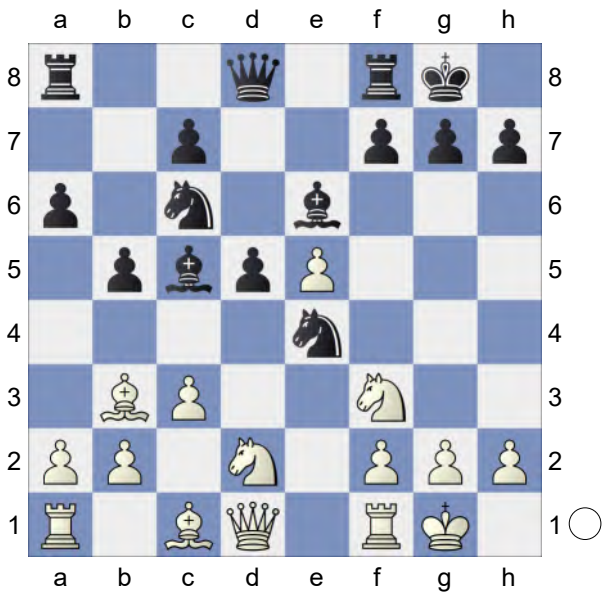
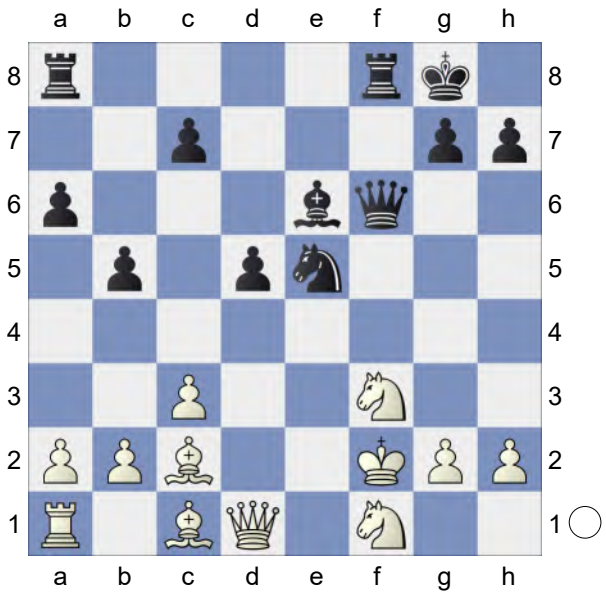
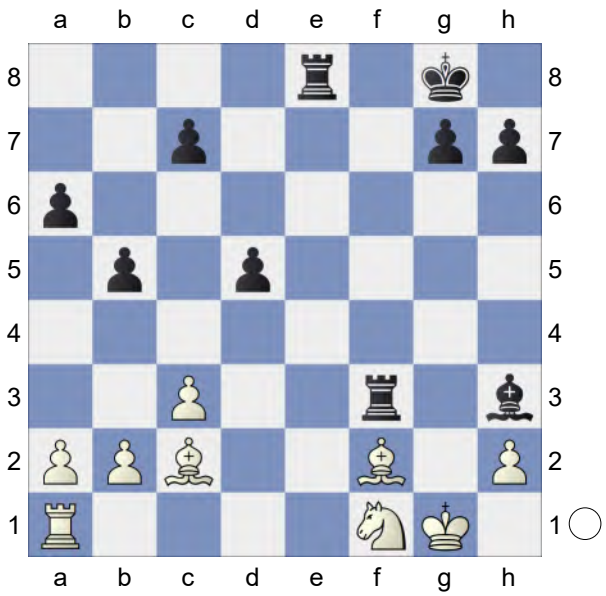


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5



16.Be3 Rae8 17.Kg1 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Qxf3 19.Qxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 Bh3

(Diagram)



21.Nd2!?N Chekhov,V: '!?' '!?' Chekhov,V: 'N'

[21.Ng3 Ü 2/257 Chekhov,V: '- 2/257']

21...Rf6 22.Bd3 Prevents Re2.

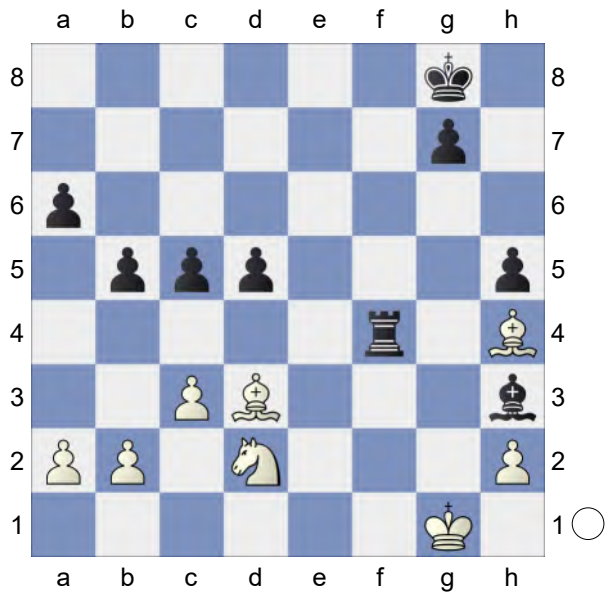
[22.Re1 Rxe1+ 23.Bxe1 h5!? *(23...Re6 24.Kf2 Rf6+ 25.Kg3 Re6=* Chekhov,V: '=' *)*]

22...h5! The position is equal. **23.Re1□** Chekhov,V: ' □' **23...Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 c5 25.Bh4N**

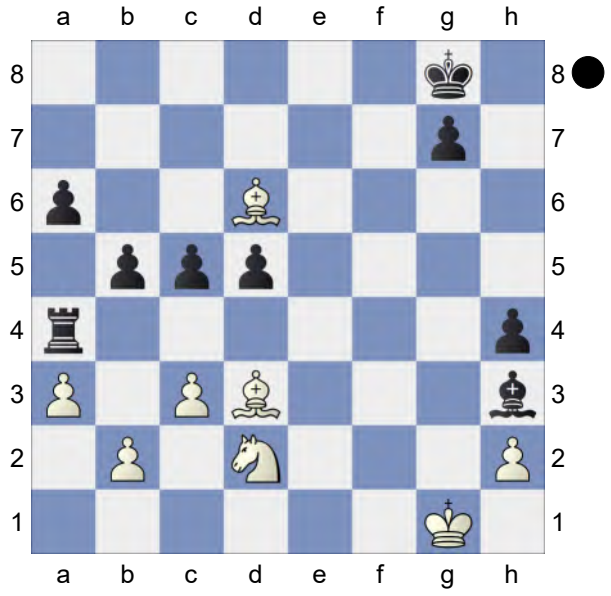
[⌓25.Bg3⇄ Chekhov,V: '⇄' Chekhov,V: '⌓']

25...Rf4

(Diagram)



26.Bg3 Ra4 27.a3 h4!↑ 28.Bd6

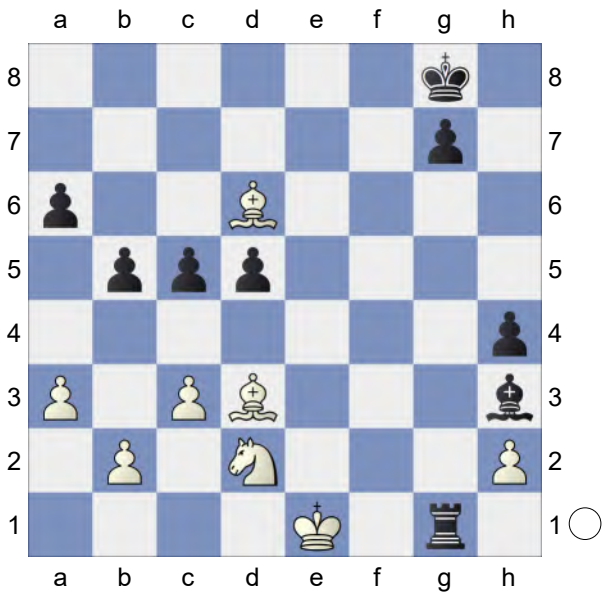


And now Be2! would win. A strong pair of Bishops. **28...Rg4+ 29.Kf2 Rg2+ 30.Ke1**

[30.Ke3?? -3.72/21 30.Ke1 0.00 d4+!-+]

30...Rg1+

(Diagram)



31.Nf1 -1.03/22

[31.Bf1? -2.79/24 31.Kf2 -0.01 Bxf1 32.Nxf1 Rg2∓]

[31.Kf2 Rd1 32.Bf4! Kf7 Δ c4, ♔f6, g5∓]

[31.Kf2= -0.22/25 keeps the balance. Rg2+ 32.Ke1]

31...c4∓ 32.Be2 Kf7 33.Bc5! Rh1

[33...Rg2? 0.54/22 33...Rh1 -0.85 34.Bf2! Chekhov,V: 'Δ' △g5? 3.20/21 Chekhov,V: '?' *(34...Ke6± 0.48/22)* 35.Bf3+-]

34.Bd6 Rg1 -0.43/23

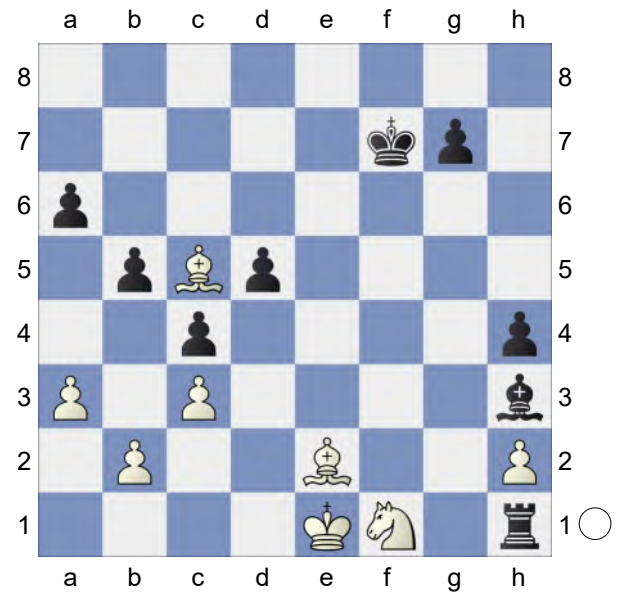
[34...Ke6∓ -1.57/24 35.Bb8 Bxf1 36.Bxf1 h3]

35.Bc5 -1.41/25

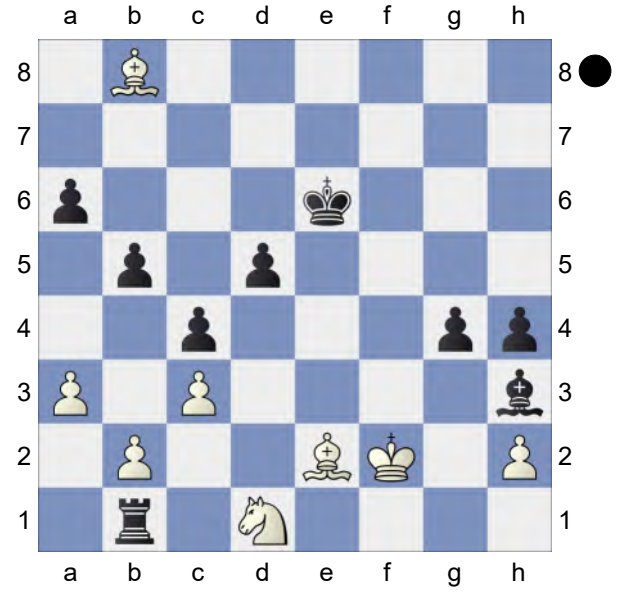
[35.Kf2∓ -0.43/23 Rg2+ 36.Ke3]

35...Rh1

(Diagram)

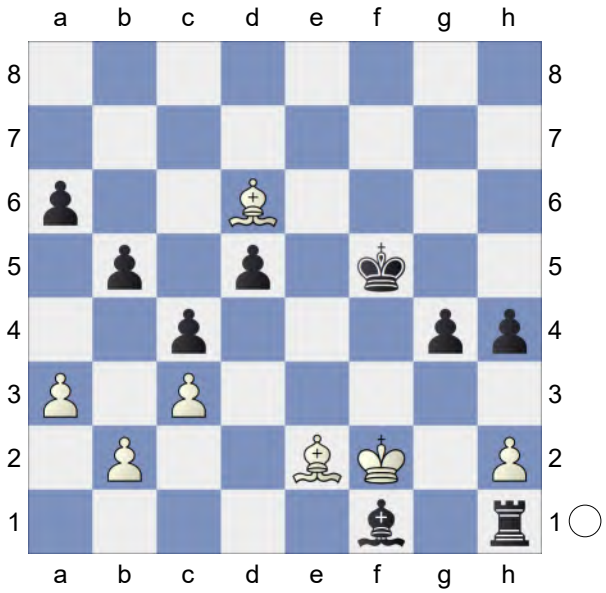


36.Bd6 g5 37.Kf2 Ke6 38.Bb8 g4 -0.49/23
[38...Bxf1? 39.Bxf1 *(39.Bf3? Bg2∓)* 39...a5 40.Kg2 Rxf1 41.Kxf1+-]
[Better is 38...a5-+ -1.72/22]
39.Bc7?! -1.20/24
[39.Ne3! Rb1 40.Nd1!



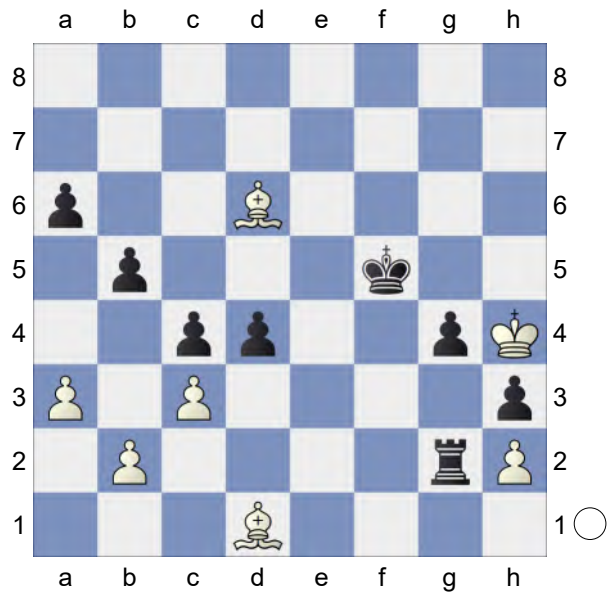
g3+ 0.76/19 *(40...Rc1!∓* -0.59/21 keeps the upper hand.*)* 41.hxg3± hxg3+ 42.Bxg3 0.00/24 *(42.Kxg3±* 0.65/26 *Bf5 43.Kf4)* 42...Bf5= 43.Bf3 Bc2 44.Ne3= Chekhov,V: '=']
[39.Ne3∓ -0.49/23]

39...Kf5
[39...Bxf1 40.Bxg4+ Kf6 41.Bf3±]
This move loses the game for White.
40.Bd6?! -4.35/20
[40.Ne3+!?]
[40.Ne3+∓ -1.34/22 Ke6 *(40...Ke4 41.Nf1∓)* 41.Bd1 *(41.Nxg4 Rb1∓; 41.Bxg4+ Bxg4 42.Nxg4 Rb1∓)*]
40...Bxf1!-+



41.Bxf1 h3∓ 42.Be2
[42.Bg3!?]
42...Rb1 43.Kg3 Rg1+
[43...Rxb2 44.Bxg4+ Ke4 45.Bc5∓]
44.Kh4 Rg2 Black is clearly winning.
45.Bd1 d4!-+
[45...Rxb2 46.Bxg4+ Ke4 47.Bxh3-+]

(Diagram)

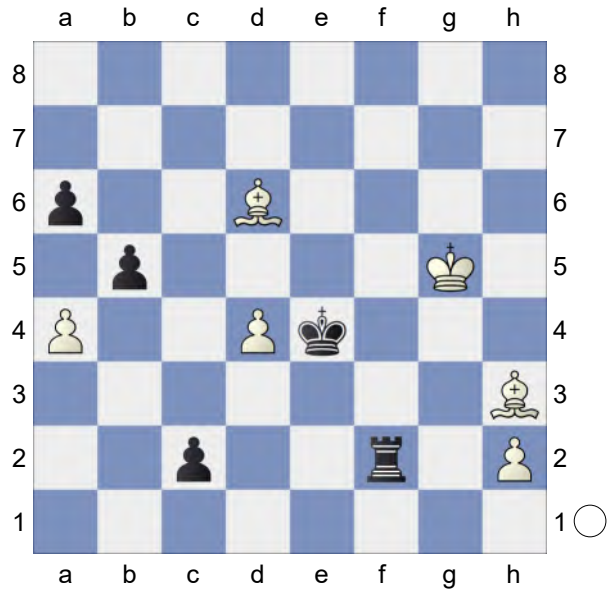


46.cxd4 Rxb2 47.Bxg4+ Ke4 48.Bxh3 c3

[Less strong is 48...Kxd4 49.Kg3∓]

49.Kg5 Rf2 Prevents Bf4 **50.a4 c2**

[50...bxa4? 51.Bd7∓]



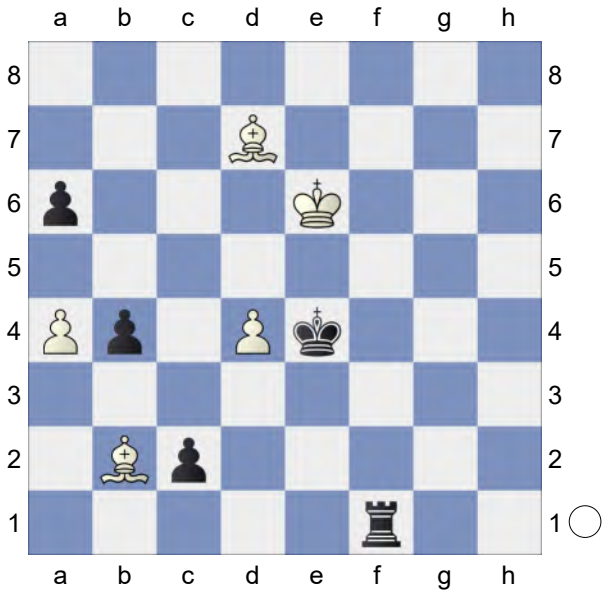
51.Ba3 Rxh2 52.Bd7

[52.Bf5+ Kxd4 53.axb5 axb5]

52...b4

[Stronger than 52...Kxd4 53.axb5 Rg2+ *(53...axb5 54.Bxb5 Rh3 55.Ba4=)* 54.Kh5=]

53.Bb2 Rg2+ 54.Kf6 Rf2+ 55.Ke6 Rf1

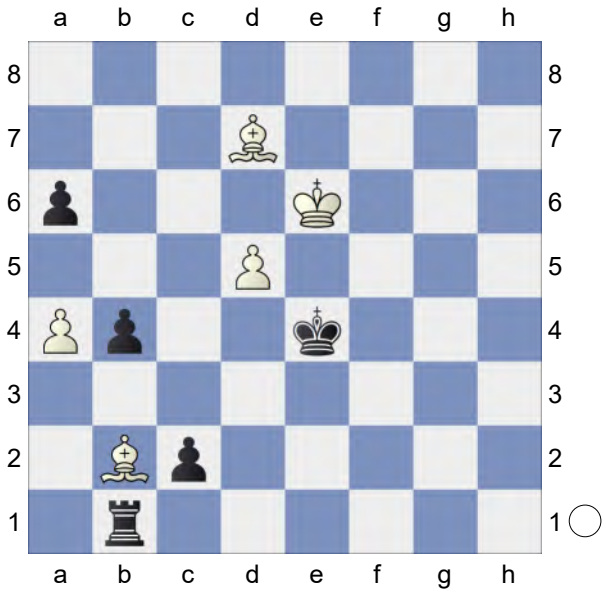


...Rb1 would now be deadly. **56.d5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.15 (very precise)

56...Rb1

[56...c1R? 57.Bxc1 Rxc1 58.d6-+]



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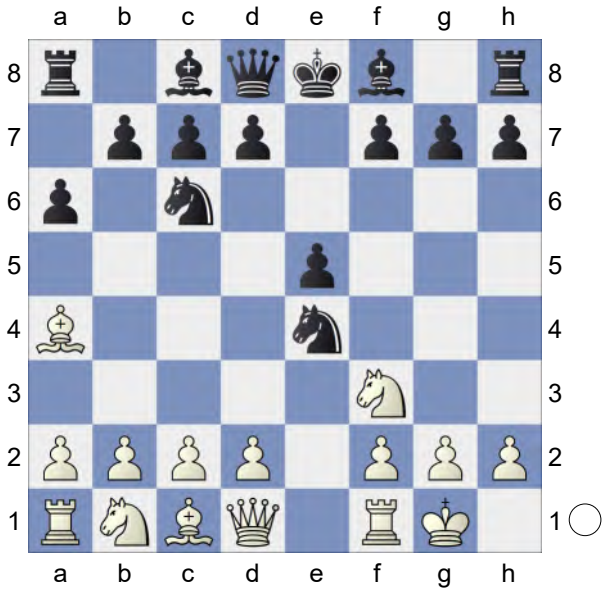
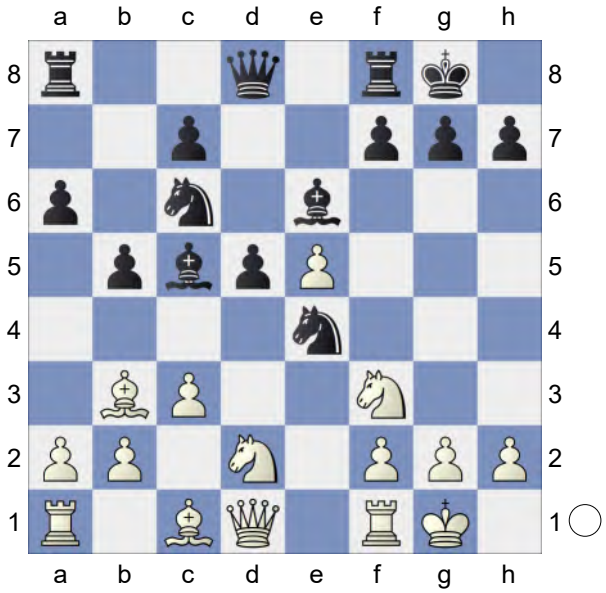
80 **C82**
□ **Gnemmi,Giovanni** **2350**
■ **Repp,Heinrich** **2419**
corr EU/M/1183 2002
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

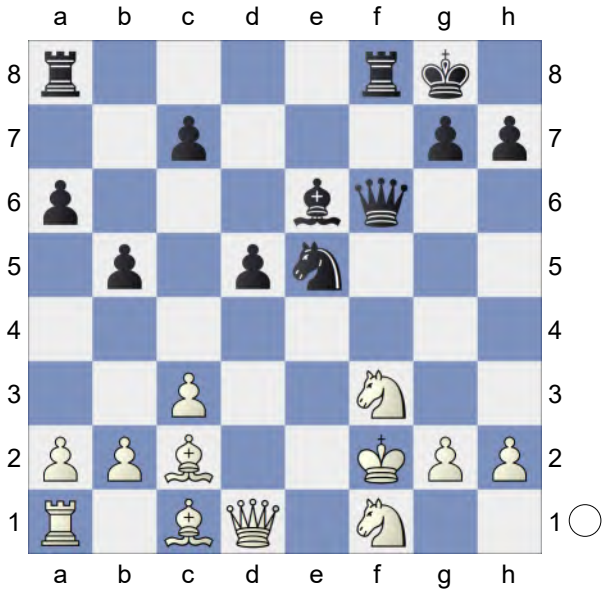
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



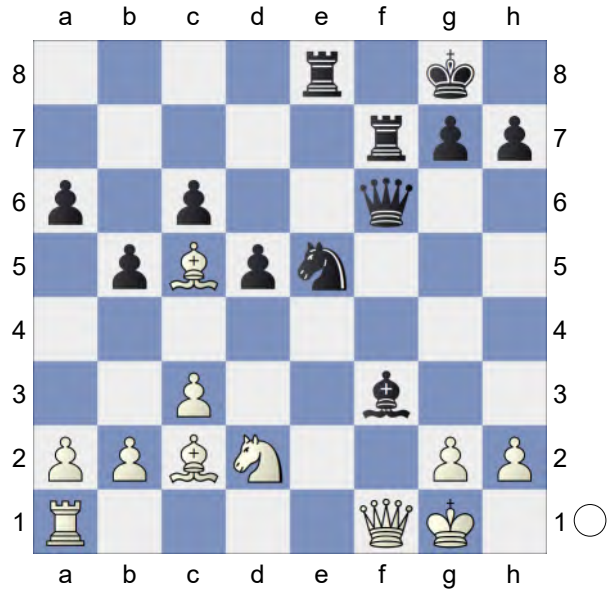
11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5



16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 Rf7 0.52/24
[17...Nxf3!= 0.13/25 18.gxf3 Rf7]
18.N1d2± Bg4 19.Kg1
[19.h3 Nxf3 20.Nxf3 Qh4+ 21.Kf1 Rxf3+ 0-1 Raivio,P (2340)-Bertino,G WT/M/538 corr ICCF 1991]
19...c6N White is slightly better.
[19...Qh6 20.Qf1 g5 *(20...Bxf3 21.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Qg5+ 23.Kh1 Qd2 24.Qd3 Qxd3 25.Bxd3 Rxf3 26.Rd1* C 82/13 2000*)* 21.Qf2 Bxf3 22.Nxf3 g4 23.Qg3 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Qd2 25.Bb3 c6 26.Rf1 h6 27.Bd1 Kh7 28.Qf2 Qxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Re5 30.Rg1 Rg5 31.Be3 Rgg7 32.f4 h5 33.b4 Kg8 34.Rg3 1-0 (45) Zeller-Dilworth p.69, Diag.99 [un-named] 1978]
[19...Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 *(21.gxf3 Qg5+ 22.Kh1 c6 23.a4 Qf4 24.axb5 axb5 25.Ra6 Rf6 26.Bd3 Rh6 27.Bg1 Re1 28.Qc2 Qxf3+ 29.Qg2 Qxd3 30.Ra8+ Kf7 31.Ra7+ Ke6 32.Qg4+ Qf5* 0-1 Froeberg,A-Huuskonen,V FIN-ch41 corr 1995*)* 21...Qxf3 22.gxf3

Rxf3 23.Kg2 Rf4 24.Bd3 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]

20.Qf1 Bxf3

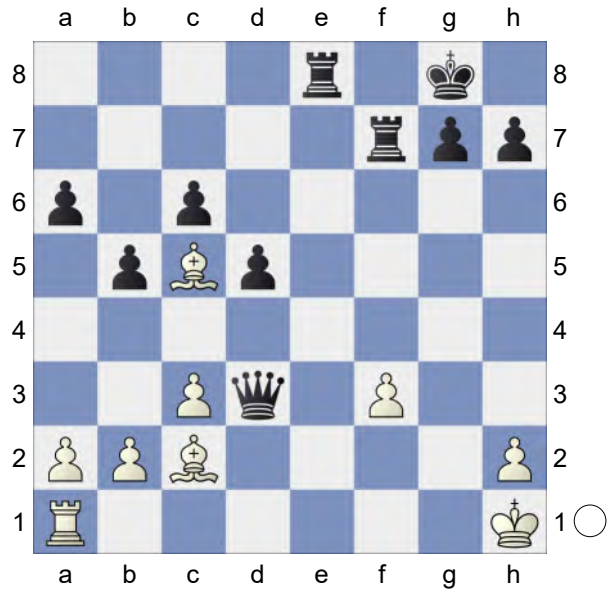


21.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 22.gxf3

[22.Qxf3 Qxf3 23.gxf3 Re2∓]

22...Qg5+ 23.Kh1 Qd2 Inhibits Re1.

24.Qd3 Qxd3



Remove Defender **25.Bxd3** This pair of bishops is nice. **25...Rxf3**

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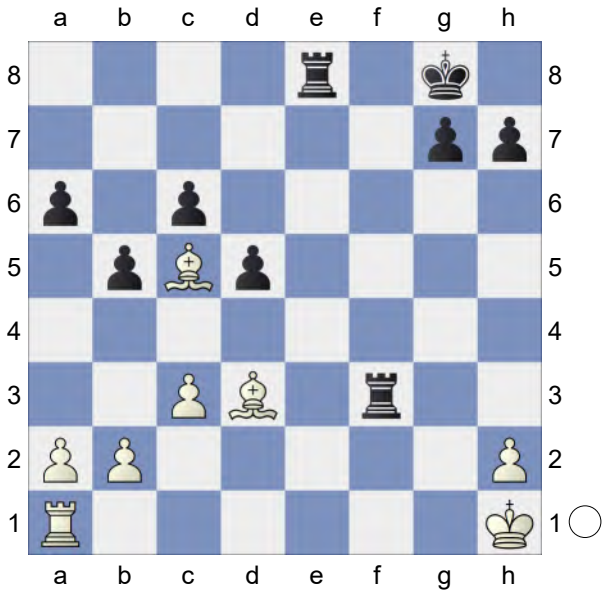


26.Rd1 g5 27.Kg2 White has strong compensation. **27...Rf4 28.Rf1** 0.35/22

[28.Rd2± 0.82/24]

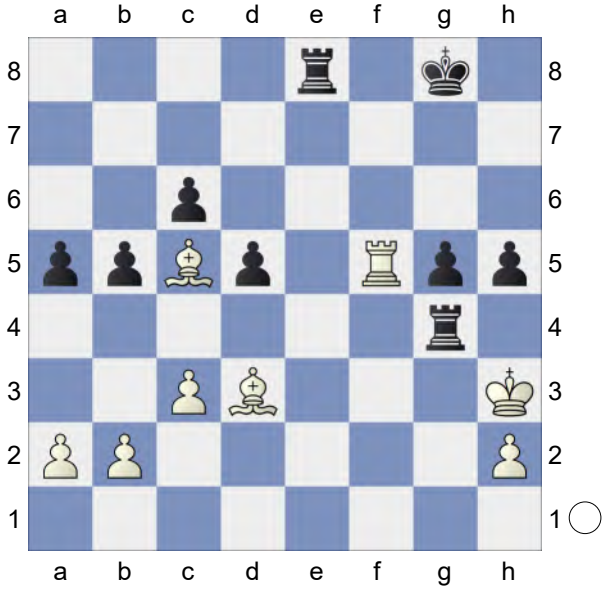
28...Rg4+ 0.82/25

[28...Rxf1± 0.35/22 is more appropriate. 29.Kxf1 Re6]

29.Kh3 h5

[29...Rf4 30.Rxf4 gxf4 31.Kg4±]

30.Rf5 a5



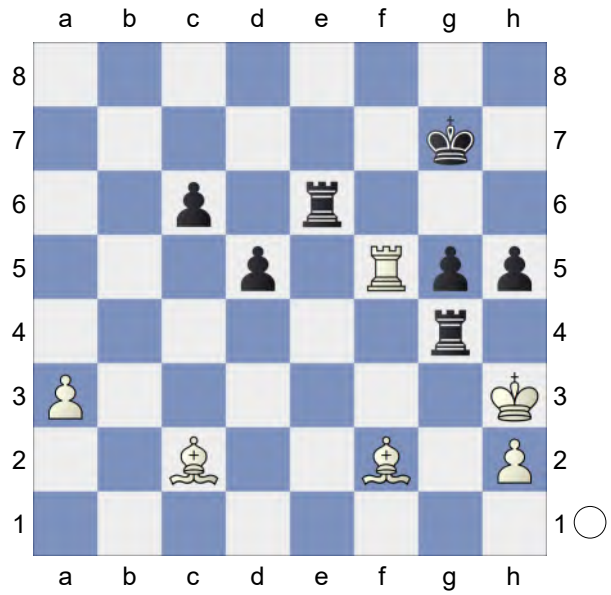
31.Bf2 0.10/25

[31.a3!± 0.69/22]

31...b4=

[31...Rf8 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Bg6=]

32.cxb4 axb4 33.Bc2 Kg7
[33...Re2?! 34.Bd1 Rxb2 35.Bxg4 hxg4+ 36.Kg3±]
34.a4 And now b3 would win. **34...bxa3 35.bxa3 Re6**



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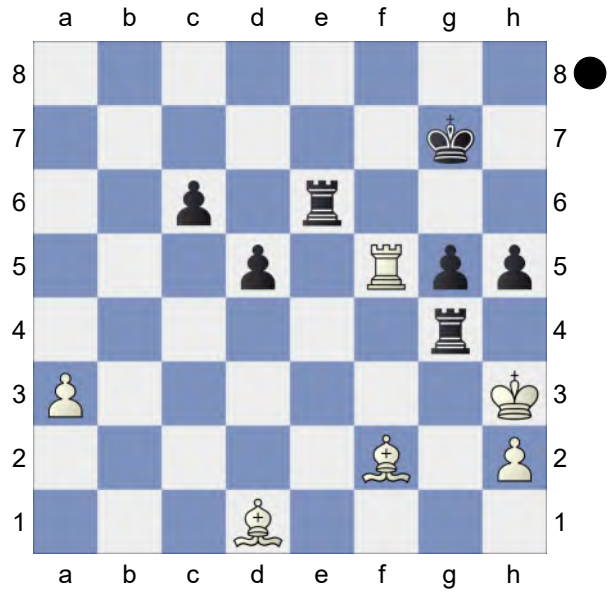
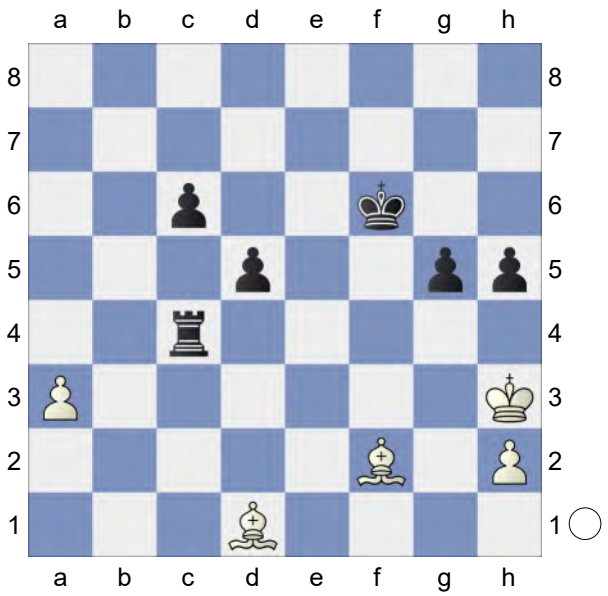
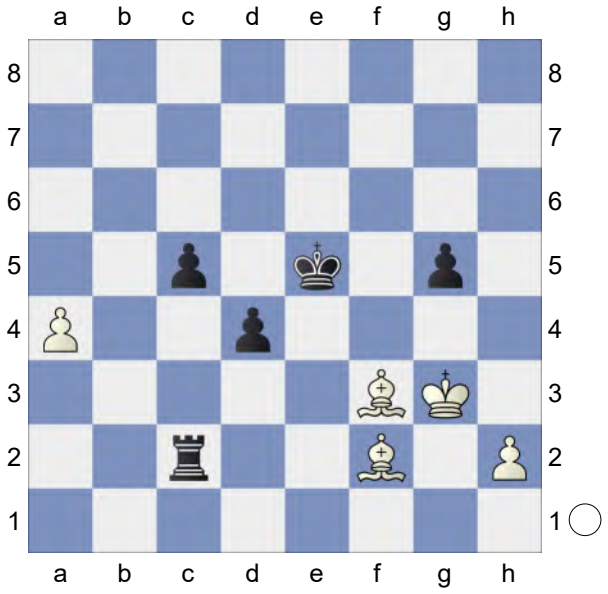


Kg6! 37.Rf8
[37.Bxg4? hxg4+ 38.Kxg4 Re4+-+]
37...Rc4 38.Rg8+ Kf5 39.Rf8+ Rf6 40.Rxf6+ -1.32/18
[Better is 40.Rh8∓ -0.31/21]
40...Kxf6∓
(Diagram)



41.Bxh5 c5 White does not recover from this. **42.Bd1?** -2.97/22
[42.Kg2∓ -1.24/19]
42...d4 43.a4 -3.14/21
[⌓43.Kg4 -2.14/19]
43...Rc1 44.Bf3 Rc2 45.Kg3 Ke5
[45...Ra2 46.Bd5 Ra3+ *(46...Rxa4? 47.Kg4∓)* 47.Kg2∓]



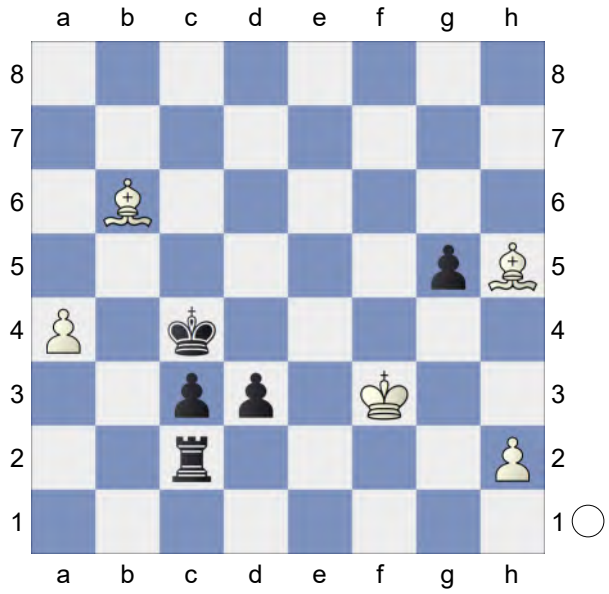
46.Be1? -5.19/23
[46.a5 -2.36/20]
46...d3-+ Black is clearly winning.
47.Ba5 c4 48.Bh5 -7.45/20

[⌓48.Bd8 -4.84/20 c3 49.Bc7+ Ke6 *(49...Kd4? 50.Bb6+ Kc4 51.Be3-+)* 50.Bg4+ Kd5 51.Bd8]

48...c3 49.Kf3 Kd4!

[49...Rxh2? loses. 50.Bxc3+ *(50.Bc7+? Kd4-+)* 50...Kd6 51.Bg4+-]

50.Bb6+ Kc4



51.Bf7+ Kb4 52.Bg6 g4+

[52...Kxa4 53.Bxd3 Rxh2 54.Bf5=]

53.Kf4 Rd2 Hoping for ...c2.

[53...Rxh2 54.Bxd3 Rd2 *(54...Kxa4 55.Kxg4 Rd2 56.Bf5=)* 55.Bf5=]

54.Be3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.10 (very precise)

54...Rd1

[Stronger than 54...Rxh2 55.Bxd3 Rh4 *(55...Kxa4 56.Kxg4 Kb3 57.Bd4=)* 56.Bc2=]

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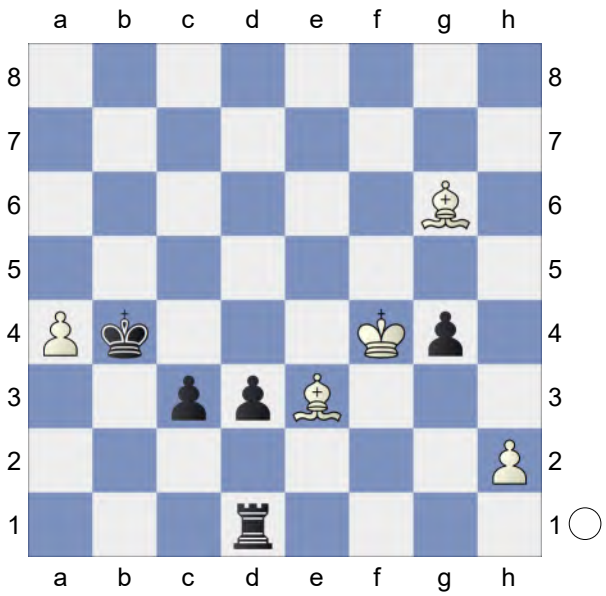

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81 **C82**

□ **Silva Filho,Alcindo Luz Bastos** **2304**

■ **Delavekouras,Sotiris** **2442**

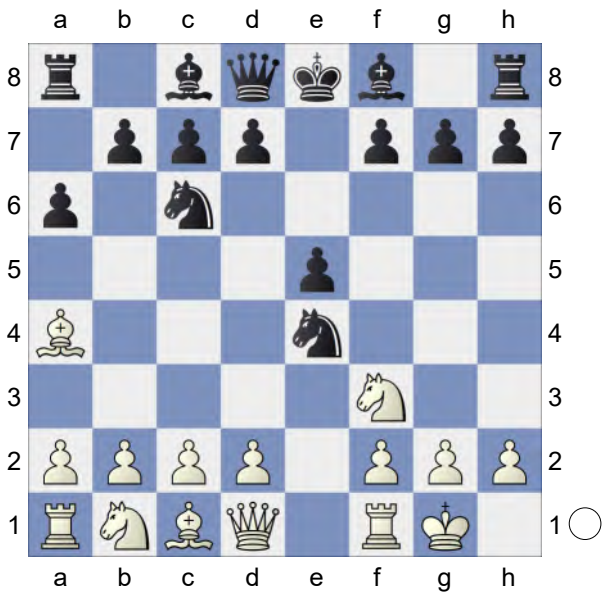
corr Paul Diaconescu Memorial C

[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

53/(332) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

(Diagram)



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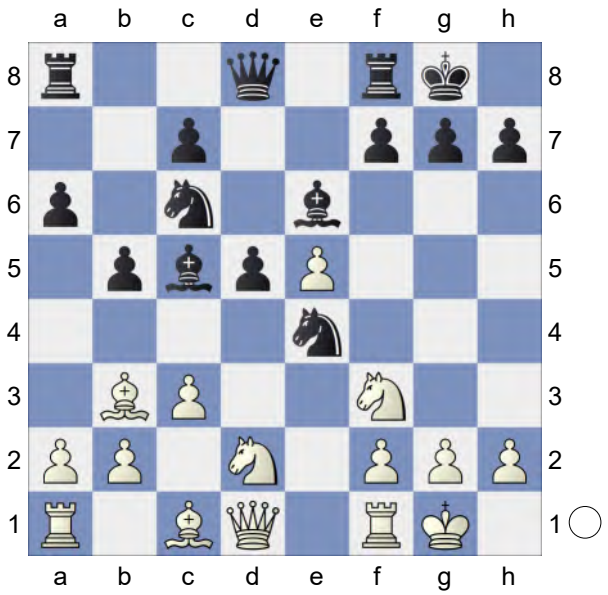

11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

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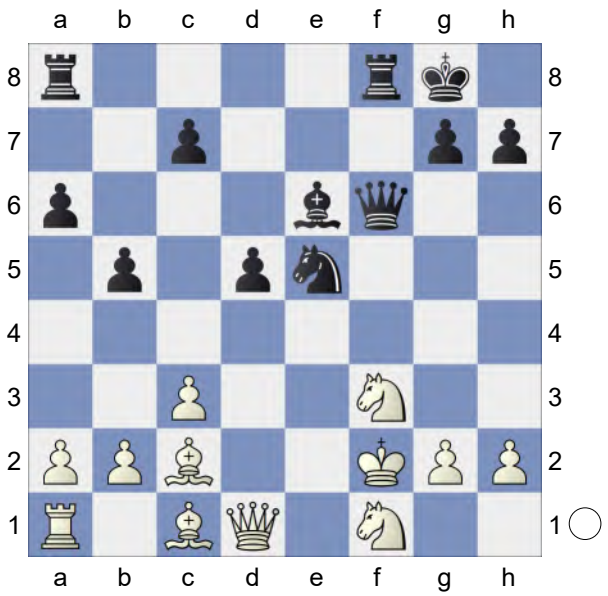
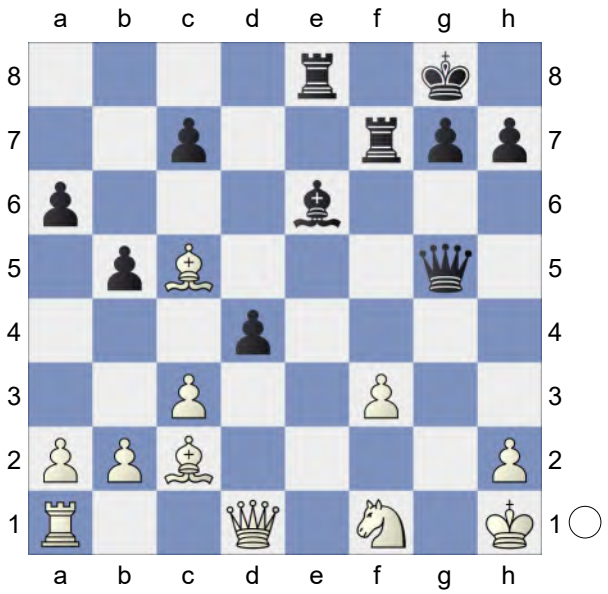
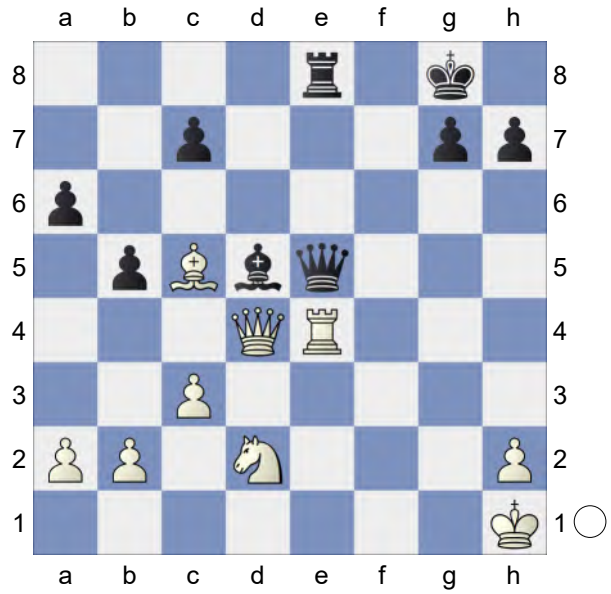


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 This pair of bishops is nice. **17...Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7** The board is on fire. **19.Kg2 Qg5+** The position is equal. **20.Kh1 d4**

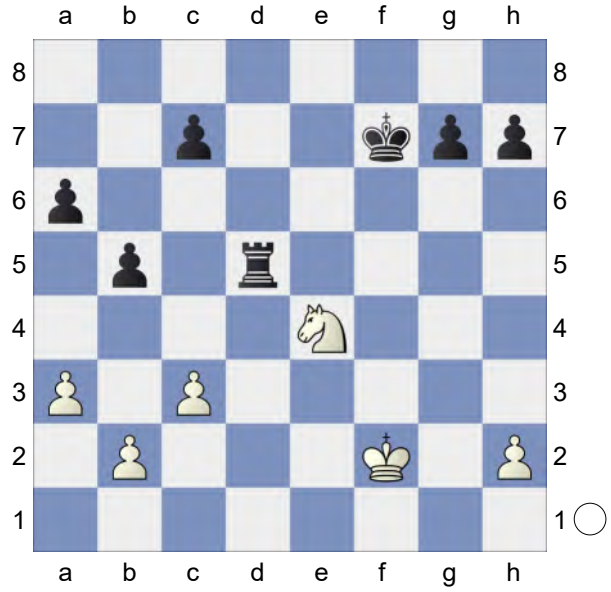


Deflection **21.Qxd4** -2.90/19
[21.cxd4= 0.00/21 and White has nothing to worry. Bd5 22.Bb3]
21...Rxf3-+ 22.Be4 Repels Bd5 **22...Rf4** Strongly threatening ...Rxe4!. **23.Re1** -5.45/22
[⌓23.Ne3 -3.55/18 Rxe4 Deflection 24.Qxe4 Qxc5 25.Ng2]
23...Rxe4 24.Rxe4 And now h4 would

win. **24...Bd5** Pin **25.Nd2N Qe5**

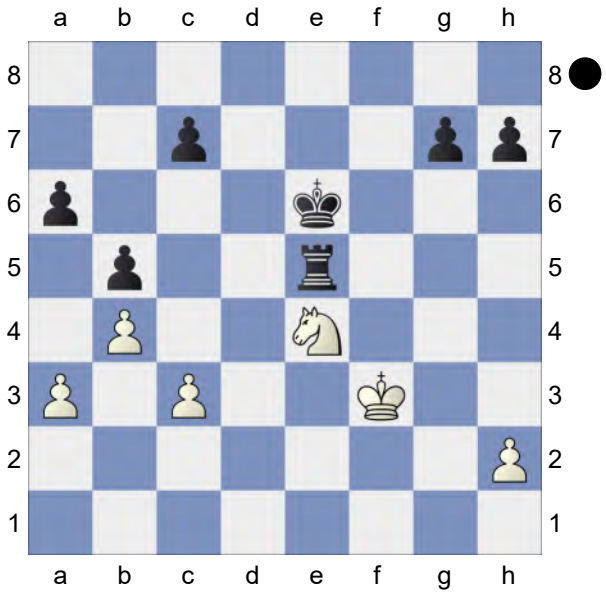


26.Qxe5 Rxe5 Pin **27.Kg2 Bxe4+** Black is clearly winning. **28.Kf2 Rxc5 29.Nxe4** Endgame KR-KN **29...Rd5 30.a3 Kf7**

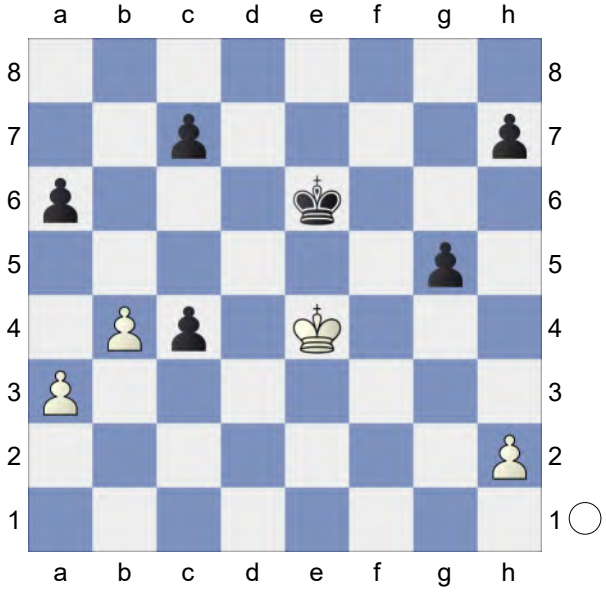


31.b4 Ke6 32.Ke2 Re5 33.Kf3

(Diagram)

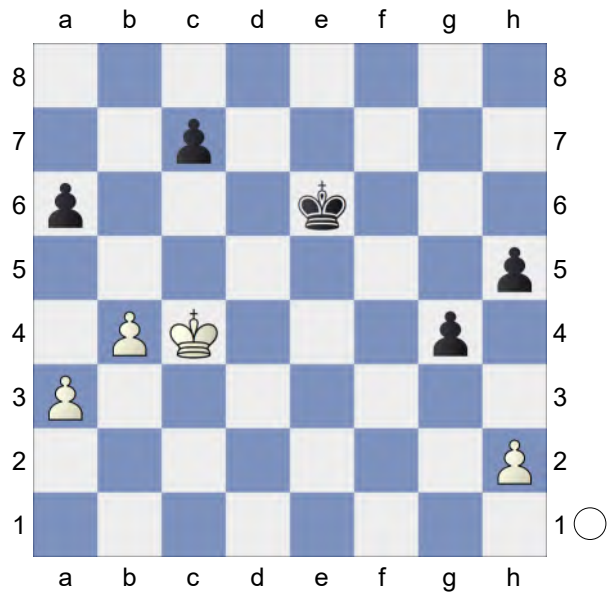


Rxe4! 34.Kxe4 g5 35.c4 bxc4



36.Kd4 g4 37.Kxc4 White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/ Black=0.09 (flawless)
37...h5

(Diagram)



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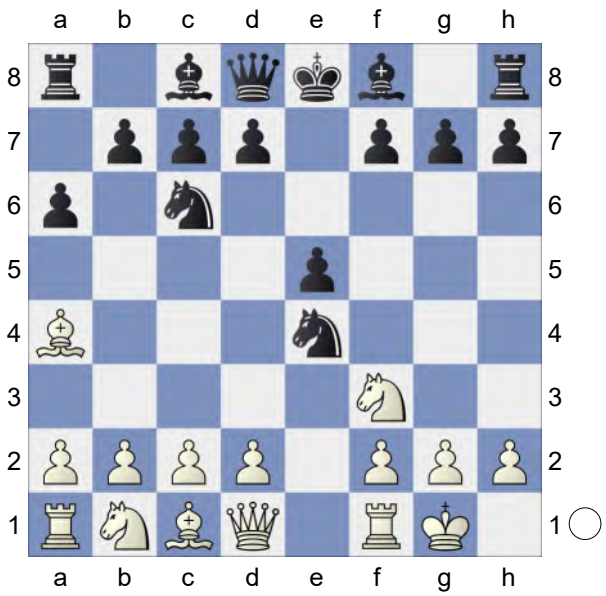
82 **C82**
□ **Corti,Horacio** **2325**
■ **Birzer,Lothar** **2299**
corr CR15th Jub.Rochade 26.01.2006
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

(Diagram)



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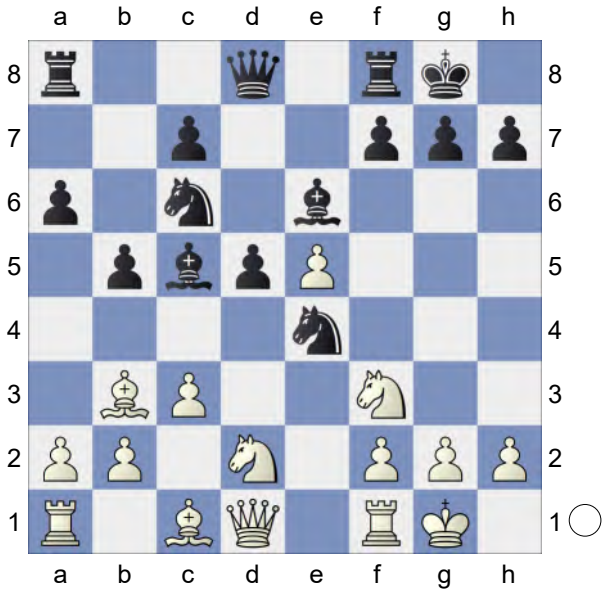
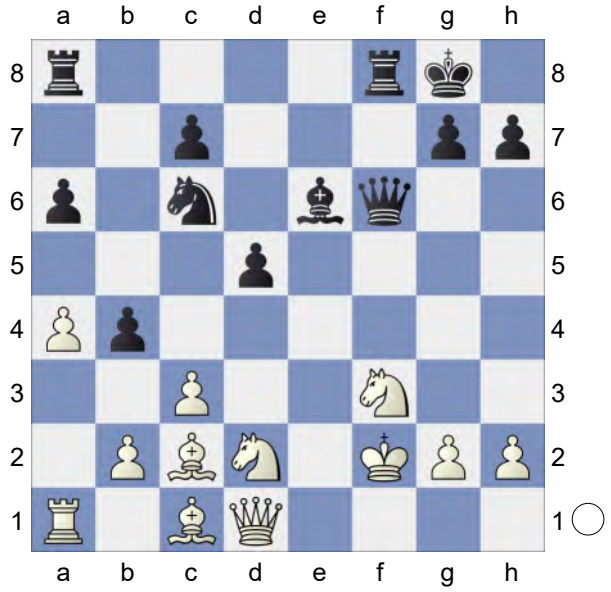


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.a4 -0.40/19
[15.Nf1= 0.18/21]
15...b4∓
[15...Ne5 16.Kg1 Bg4 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Ne4 Qb6+ 20.Nf2 c6 21.Bxh7+ Kxh7 22.Qc2+ Ng6 23.Ng5+ Kh6 24.Ne6+ Kh7 25.Nf4 c5 26.Nxg4 Ra1 27.g3 d4 28.cxd4 cxd4 29.Kg2 d3 30.Nxd3 1-0 (34) Dvoirys,S (2615)-Kotsur,P (2500)

RUS-Cup10 Tomsk 1997 (6) Qb7+ 31.Kf2 Qe4 32.Qe2 Qc4 33.Ne3 Qd4 34.Qh5+ 1-0 Dvoirys,S (2612)-Khmelniker,I (2458) Beersheba g/30' rapid 2004 (1)]



Black has compensation. **16.Nb3N** -0.85/21

[16.Kg1∓ -0.31/17]

[16.Qe2 a5 17.Kg1 Rae8 18.Qb5 Ne5 19.Qxa5 c6 20.Qc5 Bg4 21.Qf2 bxc3 22.bxc3 Nxf3+ 23.Nxf3 Bxf3 24.gxf3 Qxc3 25.Bb2 Qc4 26.Qd4 Qxd4+ 27.Bxd4 Rxf3 28.a5 c5 29.Bxc5 Rc8 30.a6 Rc3 1-0 (46) Asfora,M (2280)-Tilmatine,A (2245) Algarve 1995 (6)]

16...Rae8 -0.15/19

[Black should play 16...Ne5∓ -0.85/21]

17.Kg1 -0.76/21

[17.Qd3!= -0.15/19 Qf5 18.Qxf5 *(18.Qxa6? Qxc2+ 19.Nbd2 Ne5-+)* 18...Bxf5 19.Bd1]

17...Ne5!∓

[17...bxc3 18.Qd3 Bf5 19.Qxd5+ Be6 20.Qe4= *(20.Qxc6 cxb2 21.Bxb2 Qxb2±)*]

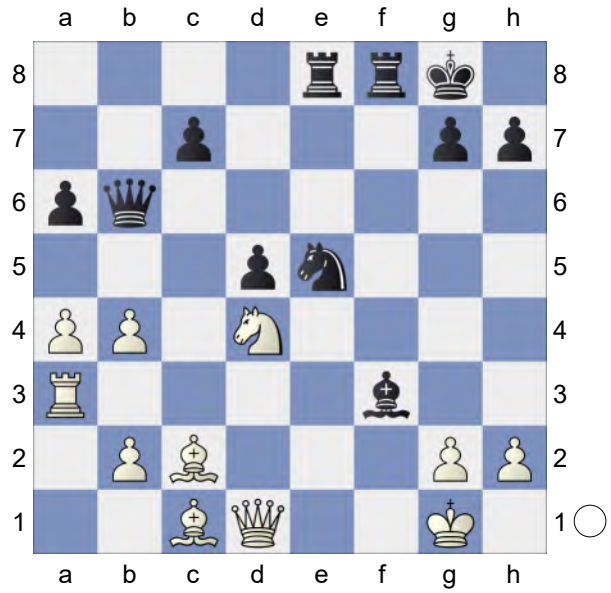
18.Nbd4 -1.05/20

[18.Be3!∓ -0.62/18 was preferable. Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 *(19.Qxf3 Qxf3 20.gxf3 Rxf3=)* 19...bxc3 20.bxc3]

18...Bg4 19.cxb4 Qb6 -0.85/21

[19...Nxf3+-+ -2.19/21 20.gxf3 *(20.Nxf3? Qb6+ 21.Kh1 Rxf3-+* Back Rank *)* 20...Bh5]

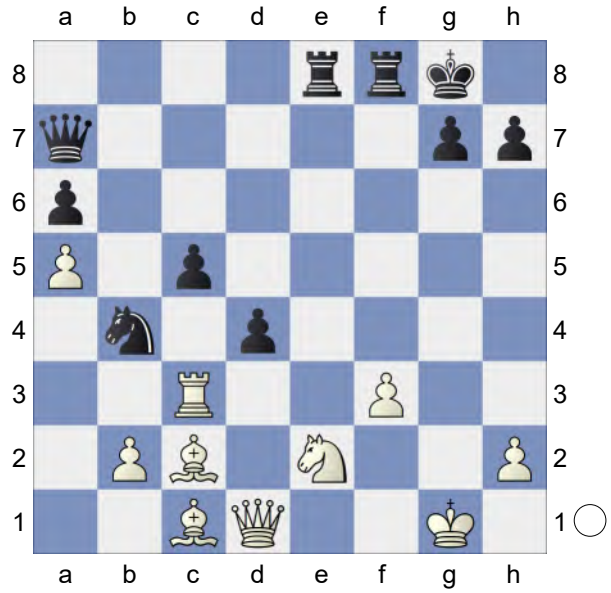
20.Ra3 Bxf3



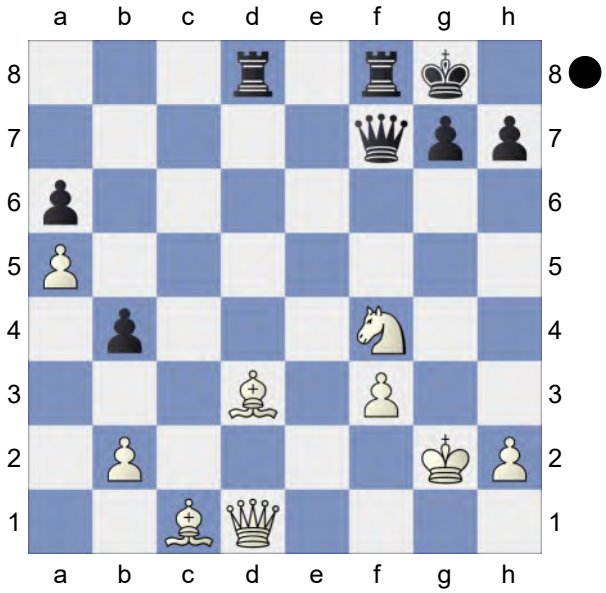
21.gxf3 Nc6! 22.Rd3 Nxb4 23.Rc3 -1.29/16

[23.Rb3!∓ -0.42/22]

23...c5! Black is more active. **24.a5 Qa7 25.Ne2 d4**



26.Rc4 -2.14/22
[26.Bb3+∓ -1.37/20 keeps fighting. Kh8 27.Rc4]
26...d3
[26...Rxf3 27.Nf4 *(27.Nxd4 cxd4 28.Bxh7+ Kxh7=)* 27...Qb7 *(27...Nxc2 28.Qxf3 Re1+ 29.Kf2±)* 28.Bb3 *(28.Rxc5 Nxc2 29.Rxc2 d3∓)* 28...Rxb3 29.Qxb3=]
27.Bxd3 Bb1 is the strong threat.
27...Rd8! 28.Rxb4
[Avoid the trap 28.Nf4? Nxd3 *(28...Rxf4 29.Bxf4 Nxd3 30.Bg3∓; 28...Qd7 29.Qb3±)* 29.Nxd3 Qd7-+]
28...cxb4+ 29.Kg2 Qf7↑ Against Qb3. Black is in control. Dancing on a razor blade. **30.Nf4**



Qf6!

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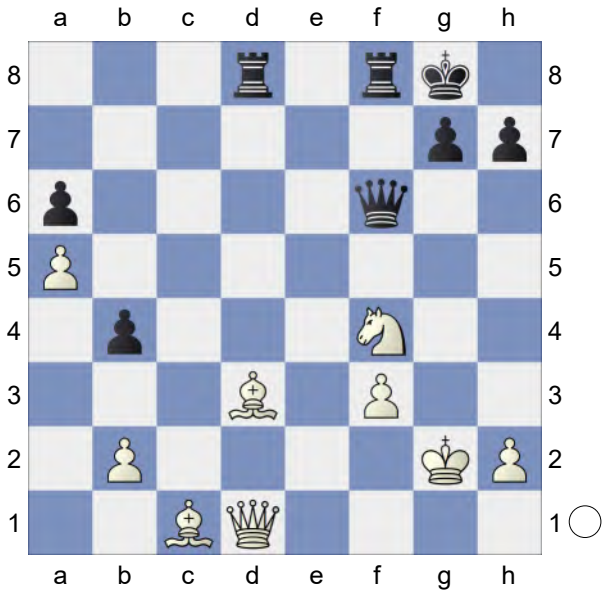
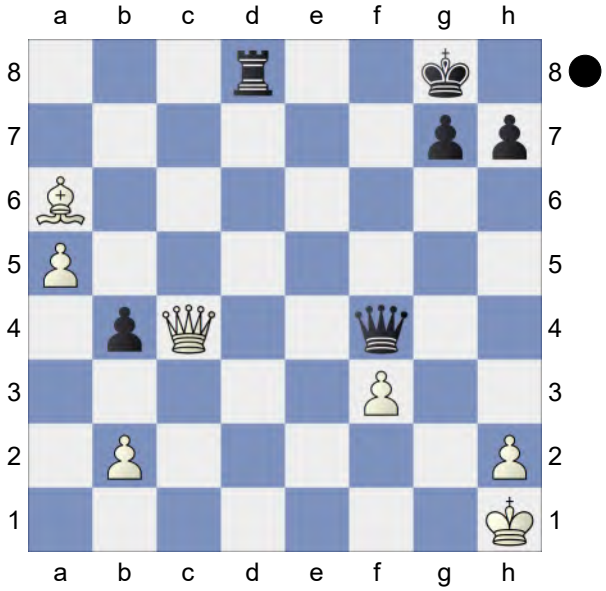


White must now prevent ...Kh8. **31.Qe2** -2.27/16
[31.h4∓ -1.15/18]
31...Qg5+-+ 32.Kh1 Rxf4 33.Bxa6 Qh4 34.Bxf4 Qxf4 35.Qc4+



Qxc4!

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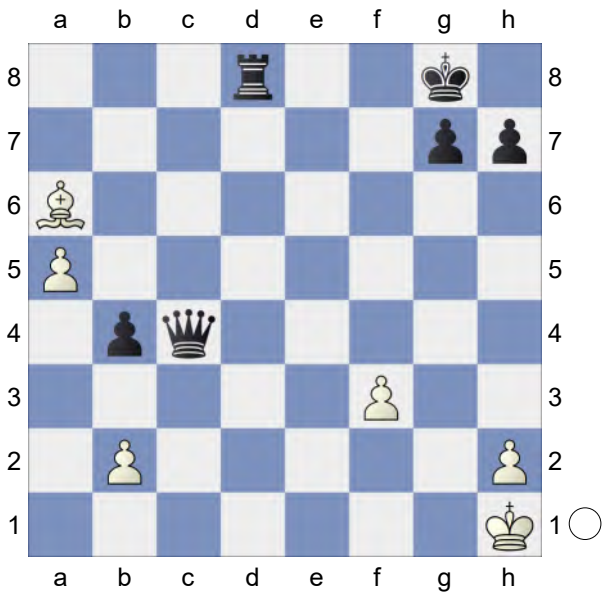
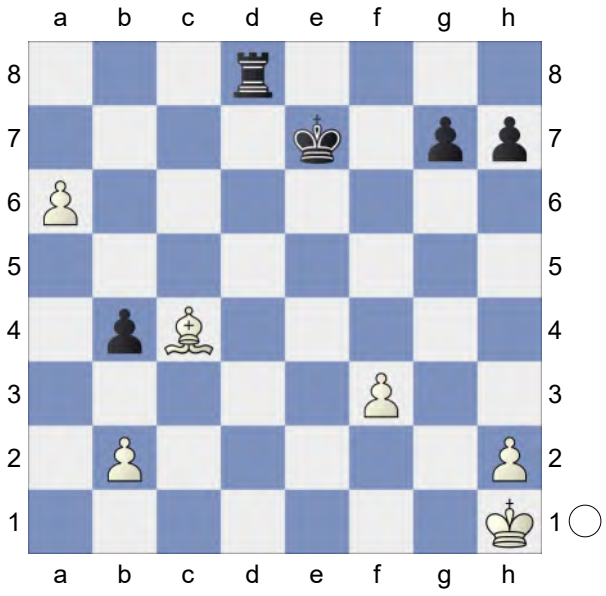


36.Bxc4+ Kf8 37.a6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

37...Ke7

[Less strong is 37...Rd1+ 38.Kg2-+]



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83 **C82**

□ **Parente,Massimo** **1642**

■ **Hofstetter,Hans Joachim** **2381**

corr CL/2015/PL01 15.04.2015

[Kitty Kat]

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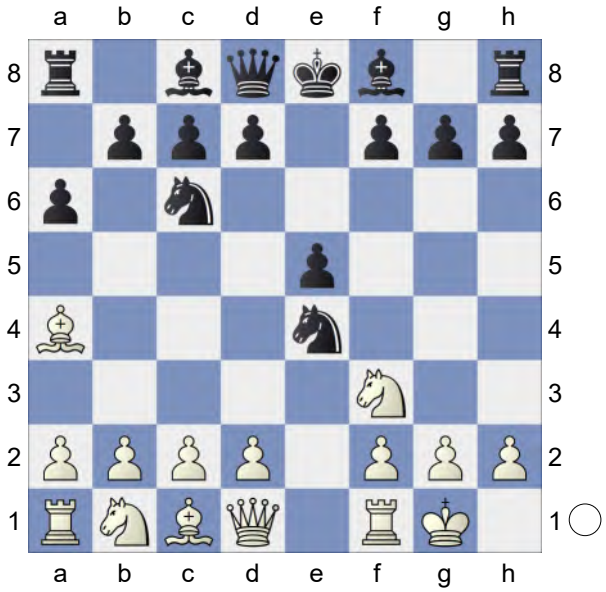

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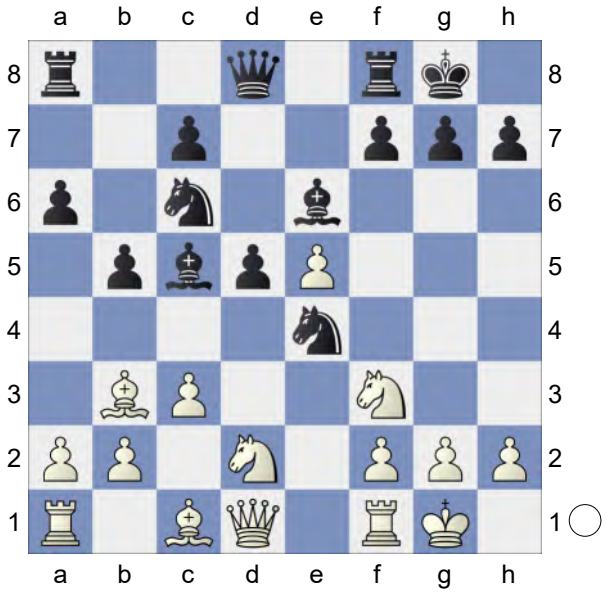

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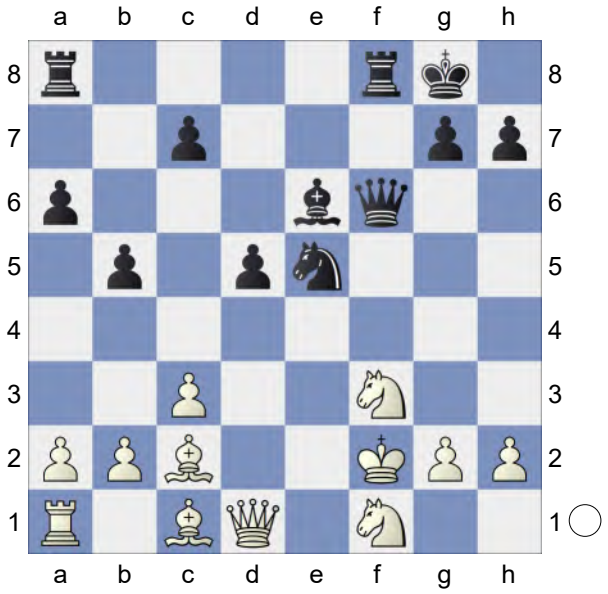

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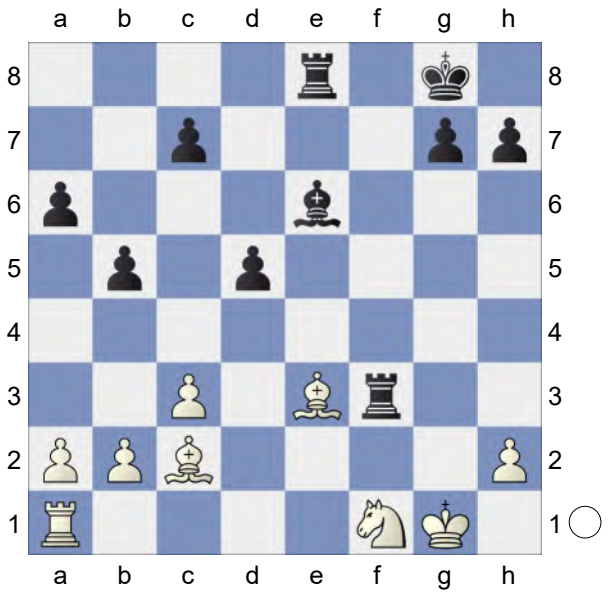

and ...Bh3 should not be overlooked

20.Re1? -3.80/21

[20.Bf2= -0.09/19 and White is okay. Bh3 21.Ng3 g6 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]

20...Bh3-+

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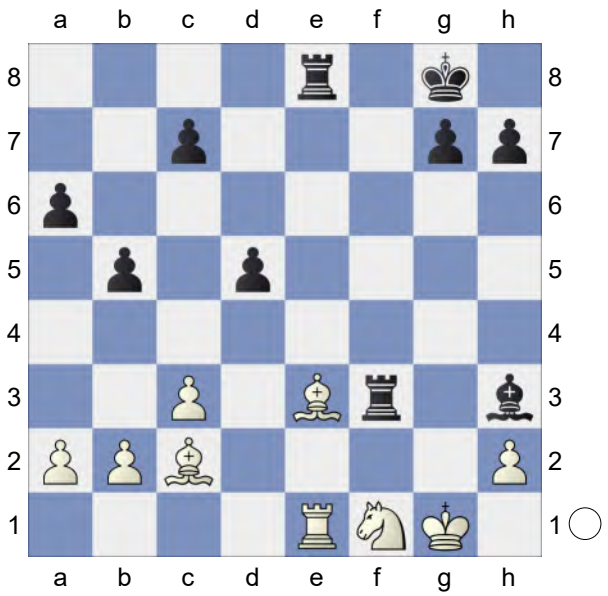


21.Ng3N

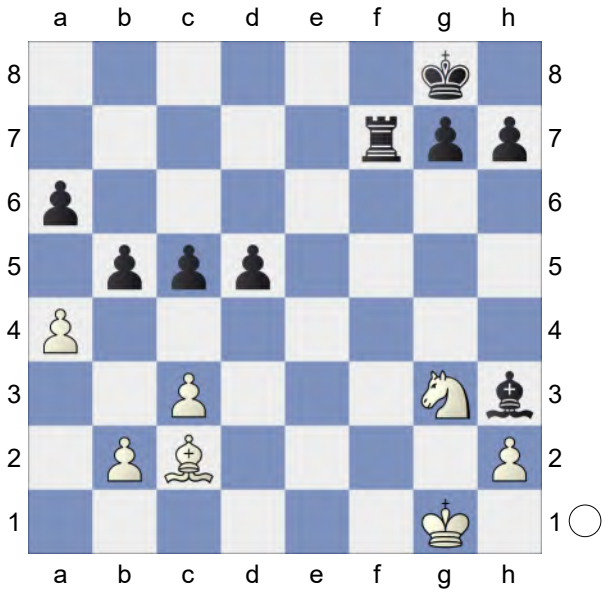
[21.Bb3 c6 0-1 Hayer-Yeuillaz,C Olympiad Dubai 1986 (1)]

21...Rfxe3 Black is clearly winning.

[Much less strong is 21...Rexe3 22.Rxe3 Rxe3 23.Kf2]

22.Rxe3 Rxe3 Endgame KRB-KBN

23.Kf2 Re7 24.a4 Rf7+ 25.Kg1 c5



26.a5 Rf3 27.Bb3 c4 28.Bc2 Rf4 29.b3

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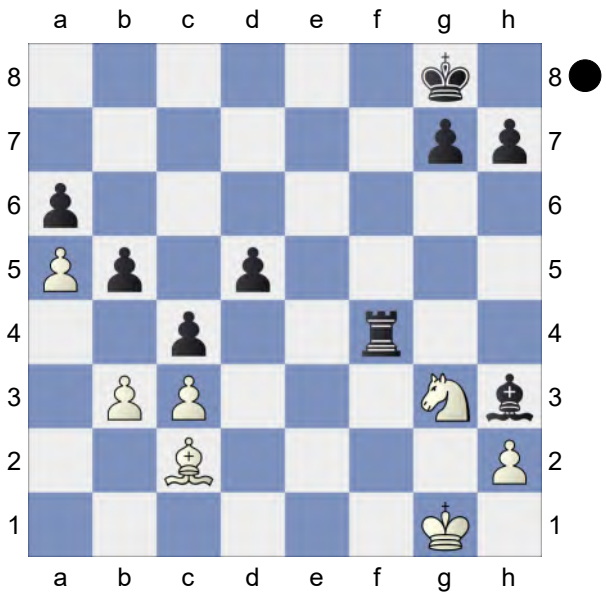
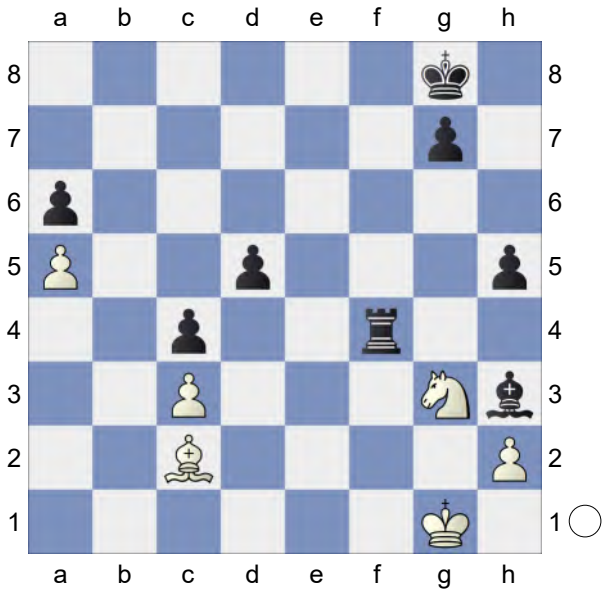


h5! **30.bxc4** White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.45/ Black=0.36
30...bxc4



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84 **C82**
□ **Dubuc,Serge** **2275**
■ **Marcos Nozar,Jose Ricardo** **2419**
corr Canadian CCA 80 years 15.10.2001
[Kitty Kat]

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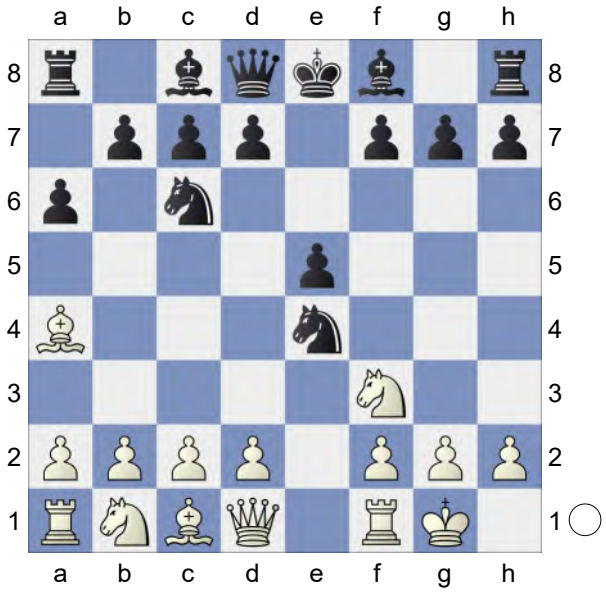

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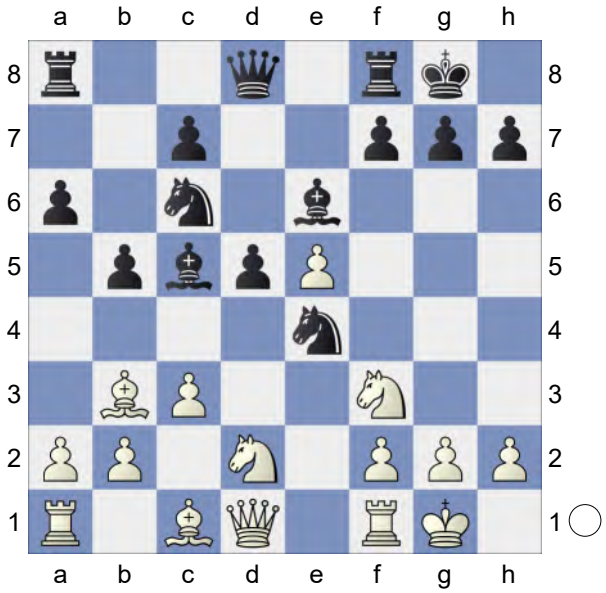

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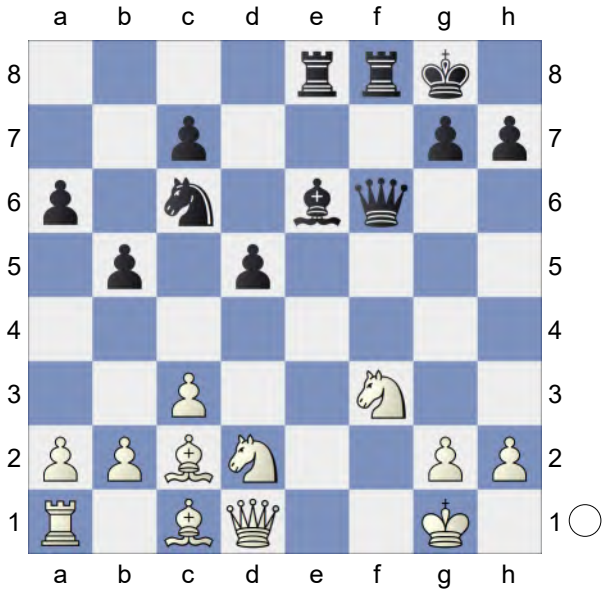
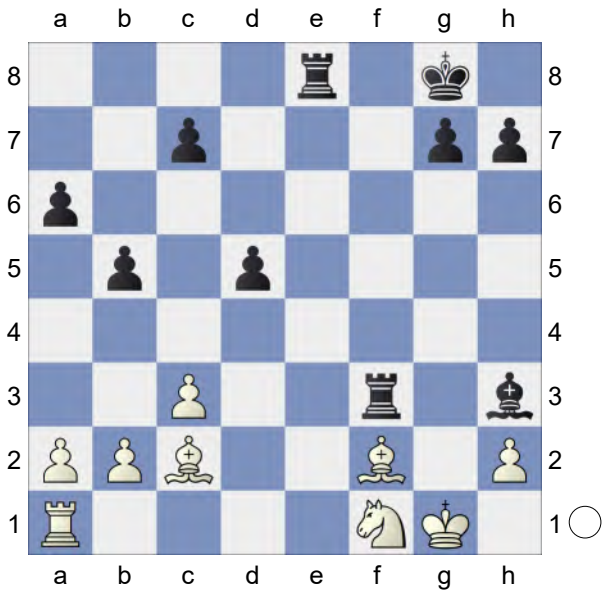


16.Nf1 Ne5 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 Bh3

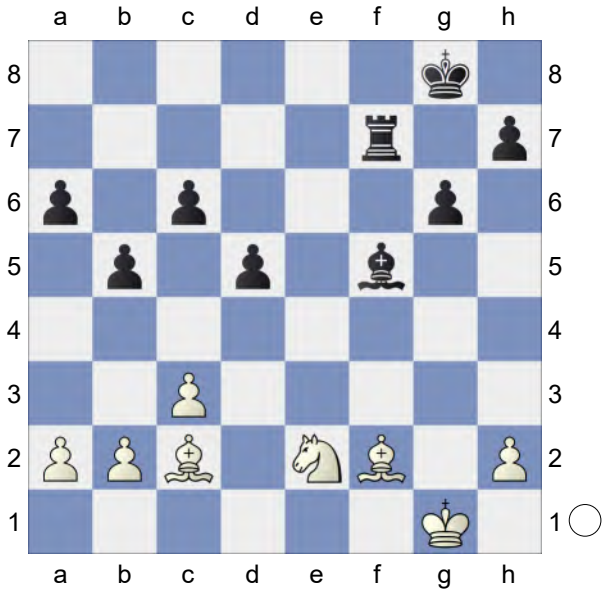


21.Ng3 g6 22.Re1 Rxe1+ 23.Bxe1 c6N

[23...h5 24.Bd1 Rf7 25.Bf2 h4 26.Nf1 c6 27.Nd2 g5 C 82/10 2000]

[23...c5 24.Bf2 c4 25.a4 bxa4 26.Bxa4 Rf8 27.b4 cxb3 28.Bxb3 Be6 29.Ne4 a5 30.Nc5 Kf7 31.Bd4 Ke7 32.Kg2 g5 33.Bc2 Bf5 34.Bb3 Be6 35.Bc2 h6 Line 16 Dillworth 15. Kg1 2019]

24.Bf2 Rf7 25.Ne2 White has compensation. **25...Bf5**

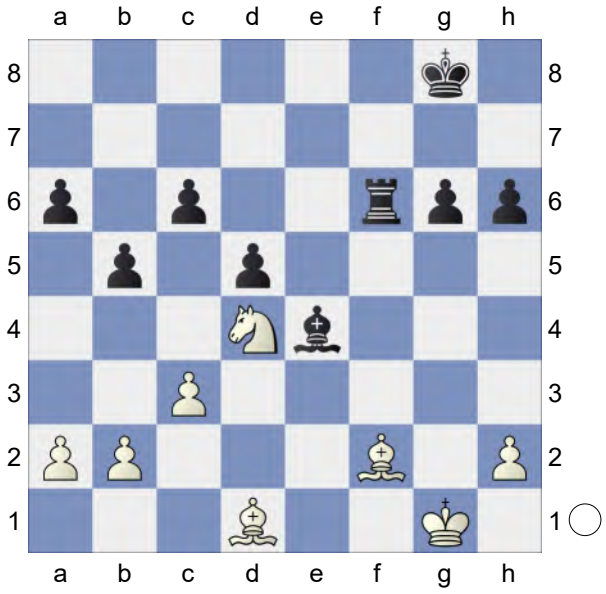


26.Bb3 Be4 27.Nd4 Rf6 0.39/20

[27...c5= 0.00/22 28.Ne6 c4]

28.Bd1!± h6 1.07/21

[28...c5± 0.48/20 29.Nb3 c4]



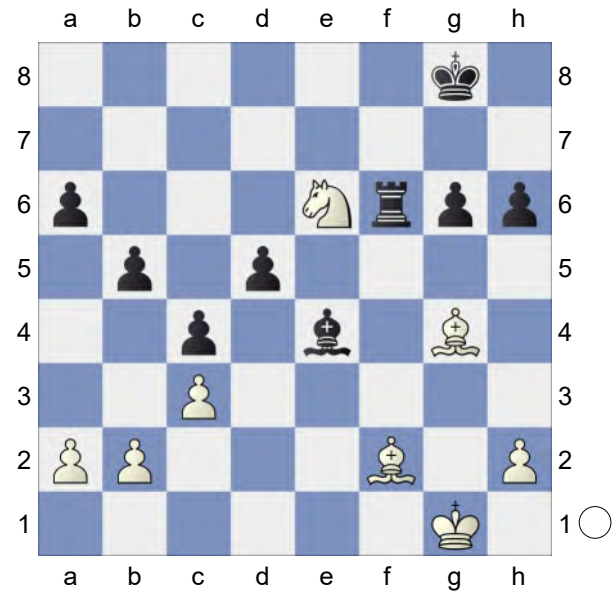
29.Bg4 0.43/20

[Better is 29.b4!± 1.07/21]

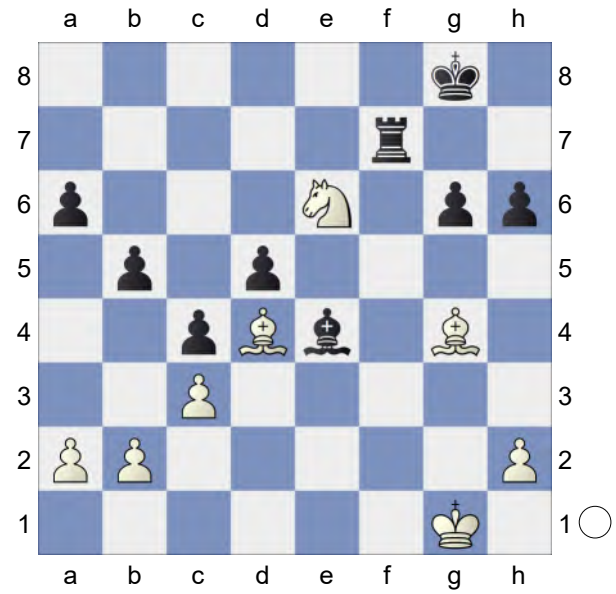
29...c5 30.Ne6 c4

[Don't play 30...b4 31.Nxc5 *(31.Bxc5*

bxc3 32.bxc3 h5=) 31...bxc3 32.bxc3±]



31.Bd4 Rf7



32.Nc5! Bf5 33.Bxf5 0.37/22
[33.Bf3± 0.76/21 Be4 34.Bxe4 *(34.Nxe4 Rxf3 35.Nf6+ Kf7=)* 34...dxe4 35.Nxa6 *(35.Nxe4 Rf4=)*]
33...Rxf5 34.Nxa6 Rf3 35.Nb4 g5

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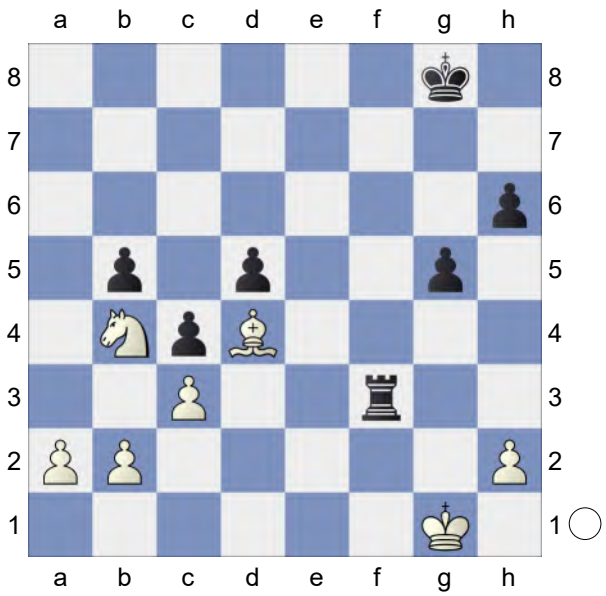
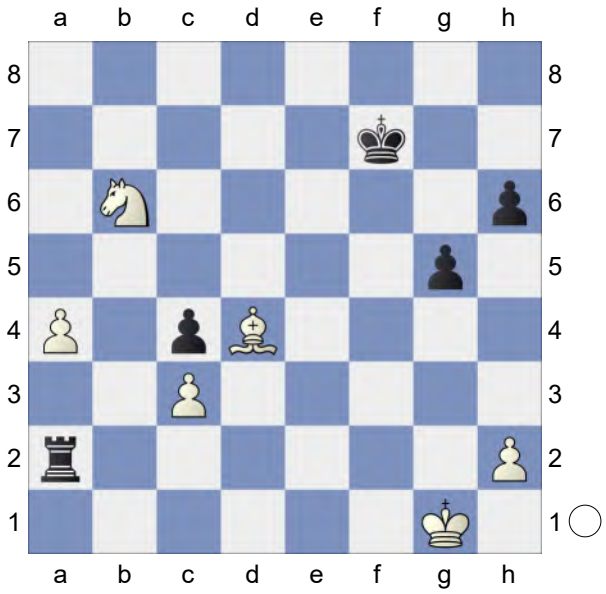
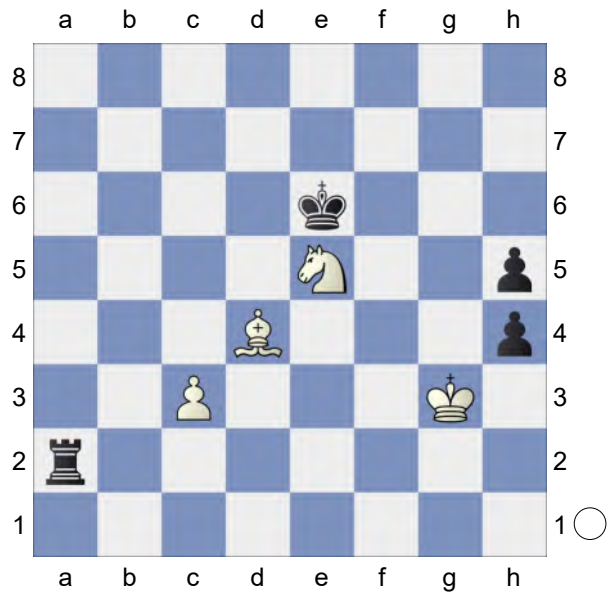


36.Nxd5 0.16/20
[36.Kg2± 0.58/20 Rf5 37.Nc6]
36...Rd3= 37.b3 Rd2 The position is equal. **38.bxc4 bxc4 39.a4** And now a5 would win. **39...Ra2 40.Nb6 Kf7**

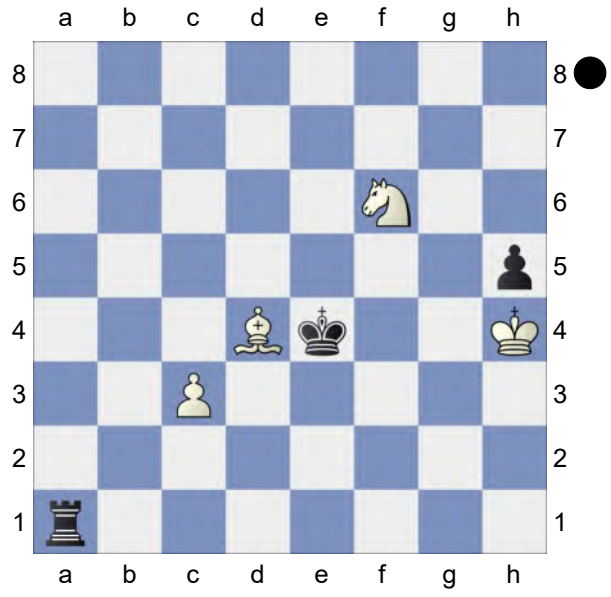


41.Nxc4 Rxa4 42.Ne5+ Ke6 43.Kg2 Ra2+ 44.Kg3 h5 45.h4 gxh4+

(Diagram)



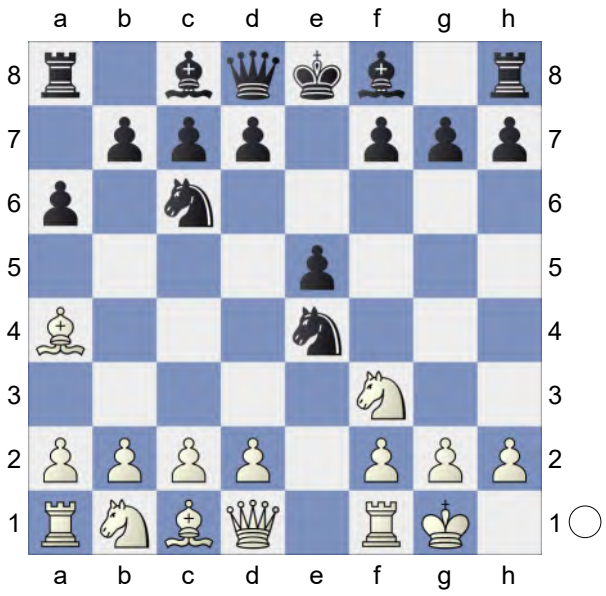
46.Kxh4 Kf5 47.Nc4
[47.Kxh5? Rh2#]
47...Ra4 48.Nb6 Ra1 49.Nd5
[49.Kxh5? Rh1#]
49...Ke4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
50.Nf6+



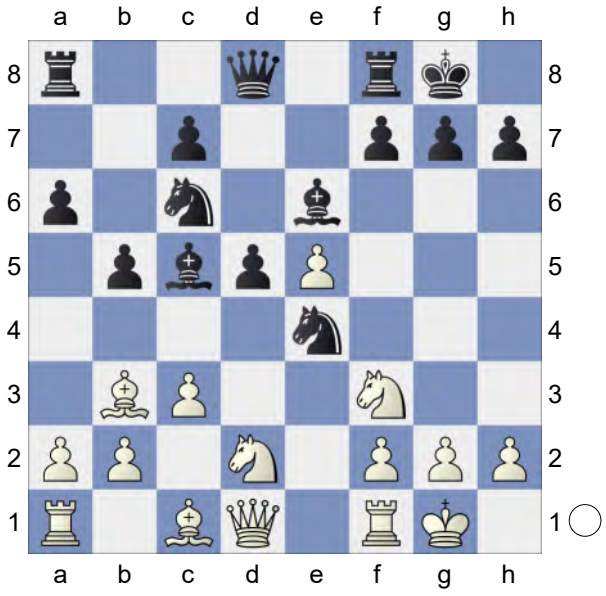
½-½

85 **C82**
□ **T,Zlatko** **2490**
■ **Todorovic,Goran M** **2415**
YUG-ch Kladovo 1990
[TA]

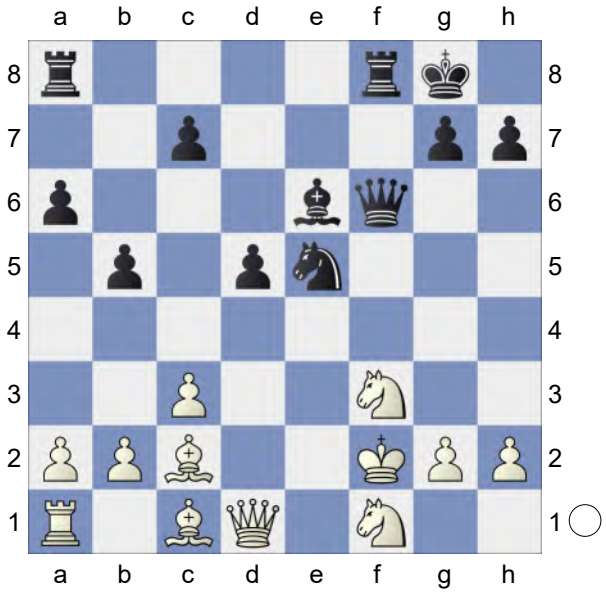
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 Schussler Schussler **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5



16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 A strong pair of Bishops. **17...Nxf3! 18.gxf3 Rf7** Besides 19. ♗d3 and 19. ♔g2, 19. ♘g3 is possible. For this move see Ivanchuk-Yusupov (game 376/disk 17). **19.Kg2** Chess con chili.

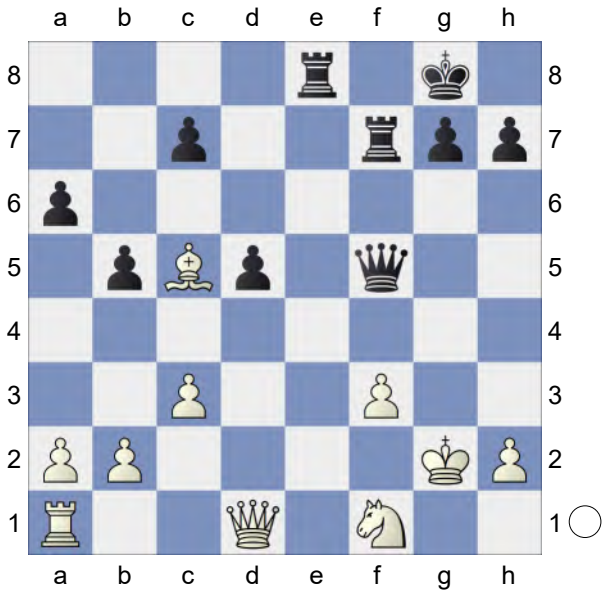
[19.Bd3 -0.82/21 19.Ng3 0.16 Bh3 20.Ng3 h5! and ...h4 would now be decisive 21.Bf1! Bg4∞ Short-Jusupov, Belgrade 1989.]

19...Bf5? 1.51/25

[19...d4= -0.15/22 20.Bxd4 *(20.Qxd4? Qxf3+ 21.Kg1 Bd5-+)* 20...Qg5+ 21.Ng3 c5]

20.Bxf5!± Qxf5

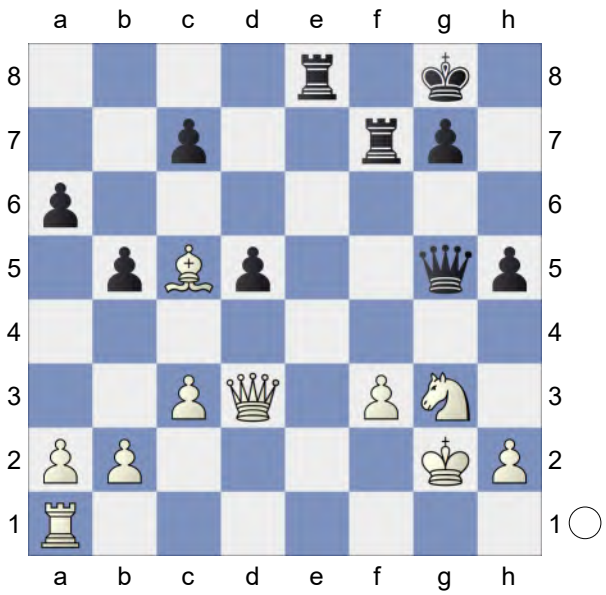
(Diagram)



21.Ng3 Qg5 22.Qd3! h5N 2.29/24

[⌓22...c6 1.64/19 23.a4 Qh4]

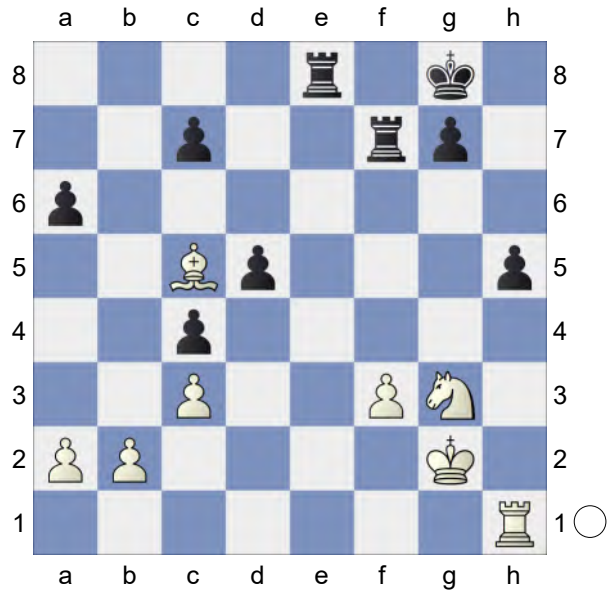
[22...d4 23.Bxd4 c5 24.Bg1 c4 25.Qc2 h5 26.h4 Qxh4 27.Ne4 Re6 28.Qf2 Rg6+ 29.Kf1 Qh3+ 0-1 Grabner,H-Zerbe,K corr_244260 1984]



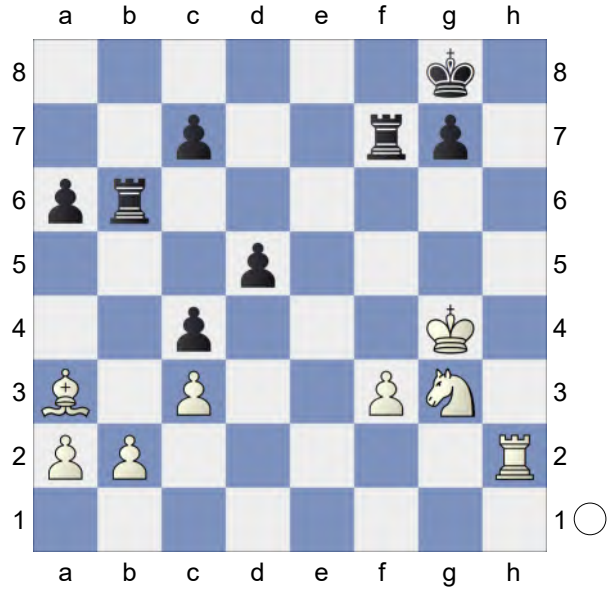
23.h4!+- Qxh4 24.Rh1!→ Skewer. Black is in trouble.

[24.Qxd5 Qf4 *(24...Rd8 25.Qe5±)* 25.Bd4 *(25.Qxh5? Re5-+; 25.Nxh5 Qf5∓)* 25...h4∓]

24...Qc4 25.Qxc4 bxc4

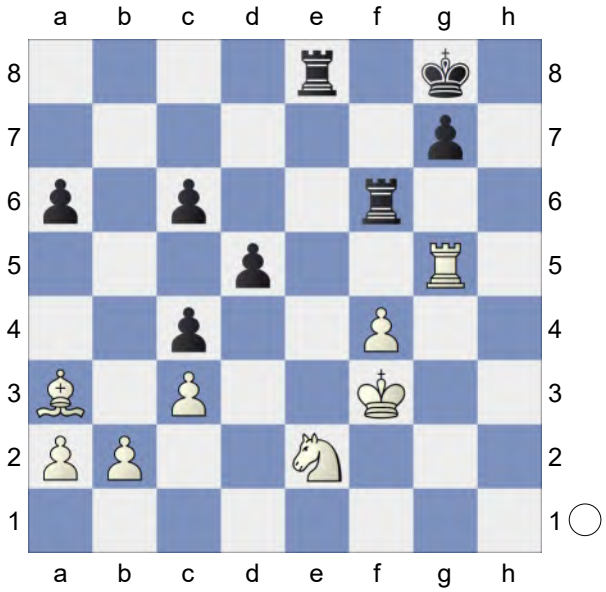


26.Rxh5
[26.Nxh5 Re2+ 27.Kg3 Rxb2±]
26...Rd7 27.Rh2 1.52/19
[27.Rg5+- 2.74/19]
27...Rb8 28.Kh3 Rb5 29.Ba3 Rf7 30.Kg4 Rb6



31.f4!
[31.Nf5? Rg6+ 32.Kf4 Rgf6-+]
31...Re6 3.10/20
[⌓31...Rg6+ 2.19/19 32.Kf3 Re6]
32.Ne2 1.35/19
[32.f5+- 3.10/20 Re8 33.Bc5]

32...Re4 2.45/21
[32...g5± 1.35/19 33.Rg2 *(33.Kxg5 Rg7+ 34.Kf5 Re3=; 33.fxg5 Re4+ 34.Kg3 Re3+ 35.Kg4 Re4+ 36.Kg3 Re3+ 37.Kg4 Re4+=)* 33...gxf4 34.Nxf4 Re1 *(34...Rg7+? 35.Kf5+-)* 35.Nxd5 Kh7]
33.Kf3 Re8 2.63/20
[⌓33...g5 1.89/18 34.Bc5 *(34.Rg2 Re5+-)* 34...gxf4]
34.Rh5 c6 35.Rg5 Rf6



36.Rg2 Kf7 37.Bc5 Rh8 2.50/20
[⌓37...a5 1.95/21 38.Ng3 Rg6]
38.Bd4 Skewer **38...Rh3+ 39.Kf2** 1.48/17
[39.Ng3+- 2.59/24]
39...Rg6± 40.Ng3 Rg4

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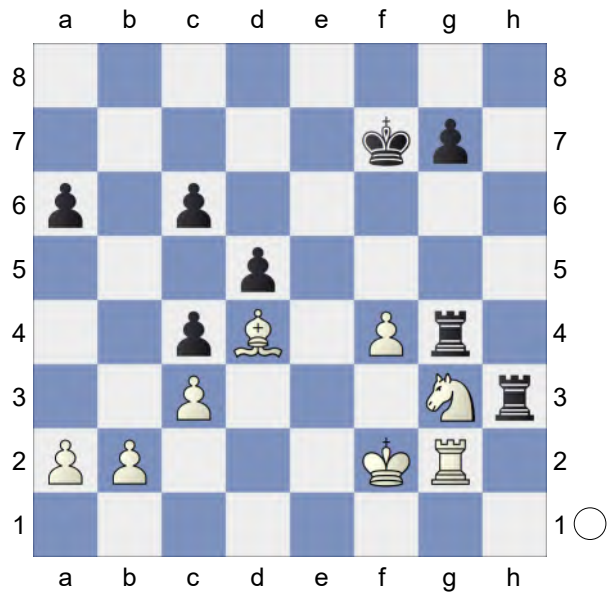
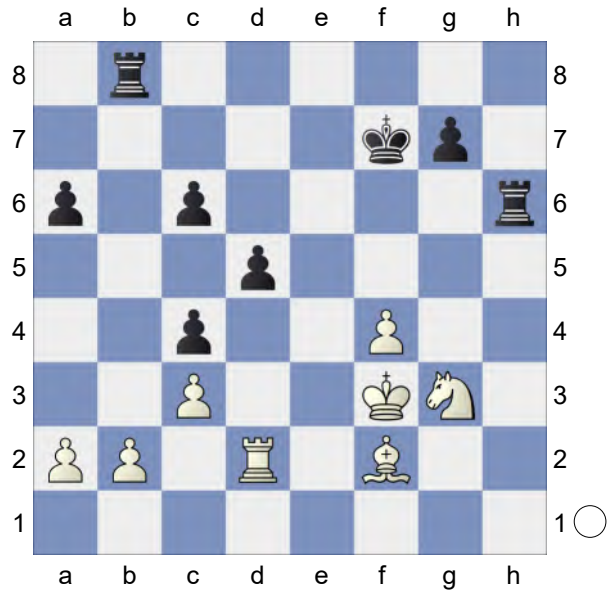
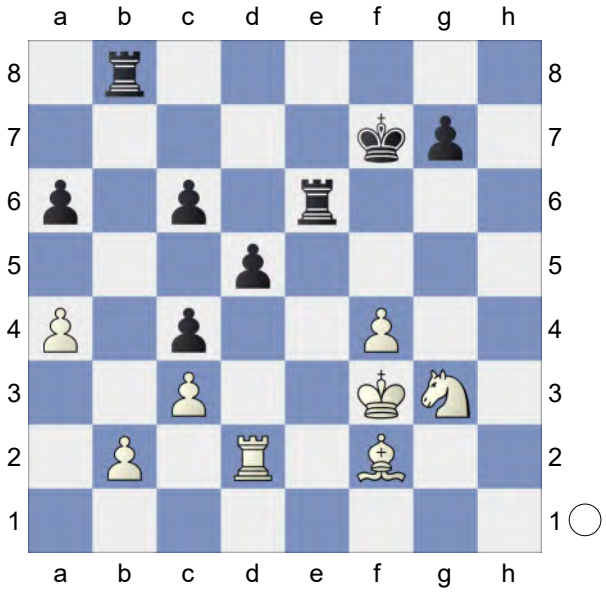


41.Kf3 Rg6 2.67/21
[41...Rgh4 1.85/20 42.Bg1 a5]
42.Rg1 Rh2 43.Bf2 Rh8 2.58/18
[43...Rf6 1.61/18 44.Rb1 *(44.Bd4 Rg6+-)* 44...g5]
44.Rd1 1.28/19
[44.b3+- 2.58/18]
44...Rb8 2.37/21
[44...a5± 1.28/19 45.Nf5 a4]
45.Rd2 Rh6 2.25/20
[45...a5 1.75/18 46.Bd4 a4]



46.Bd4 Nf5 is the strong threat. **46...Re6** 3.23/20
[⌓46...Rh3 1.80/19 47.Be5 Re8]
47.Bf2 1.78/19
[⌓47.Nf5 3.23/20]
47...Re7 3.20/20
[⌓47...a5 1.78/19 48.Bd4 Rh8]
48.Nf5+- Re6 49.a4 Rf6 50.Ng3 Re6 2.57/21
[⌓50...Rh6 1.84/19 51.Nf5 Rg6]



51.Bc5 Re1 52.Kf2 1.26/16
[52.Rg2+- 2.91/19 has better winning chances.]
52...Ra1 2.01/20
[52...Rb1± 1.26/16]
53.Ba3 Rh8 1.72/21
[53...g6± 1.24/20 54.Re2 Re8]
54.Kg2 Re1 55.Nf1 0.99/19
[55.Kf3+- 1.69/19]
55...Re4

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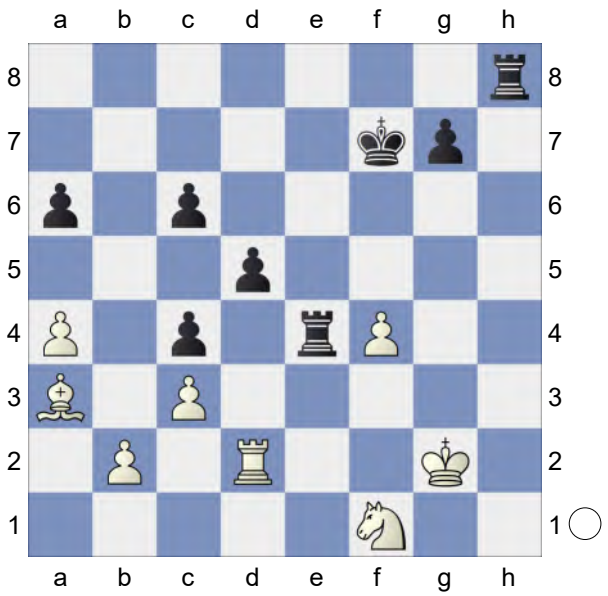
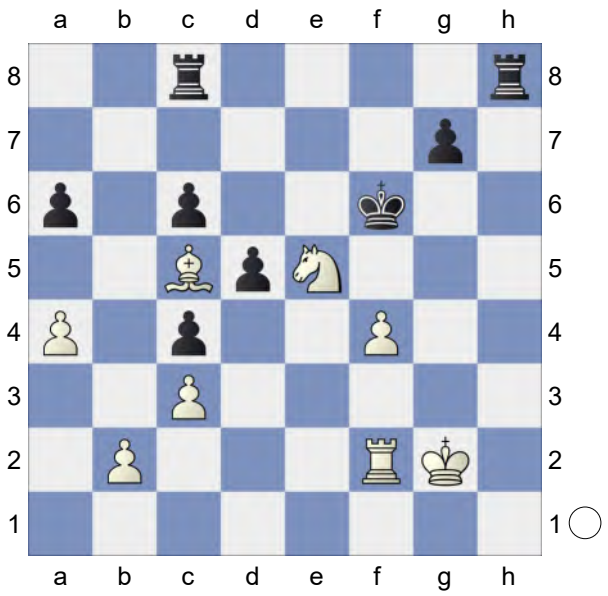
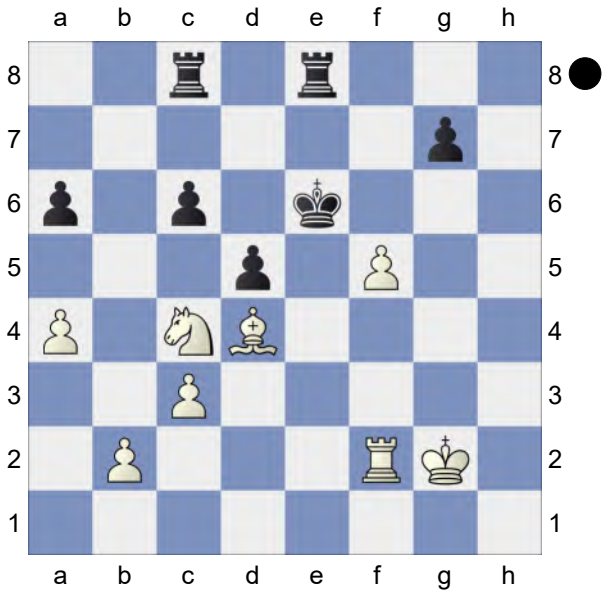


56.Rf2 Kf6 2.08/19
[56...Rh4± 1.32/20]
57.Nd2 Ree8 58.Nf3 Black cannot hold the game after this. **58...Ke6?** 3.08/18
[58...Rh6± 1.41/17 59.Bd6 Re3]
59.Ne5 Rc8 60.Bc5 Kf6? 3.99/19
[60...Rh7 2.45/17 61.Re2 Kf5]



61.Bd4 Rhe8? 5.61/17
[61...c5 3.29/19 keeps fighting.]
62.Nxc4+ Ke6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.57

63.f5+



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86 **C82**
□ **Vertongen,Willy** **2213**
■ **Burkett,Max** **2161**
corr LSS Lechenicher SchachServer
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
Aseev,K: '54/111 ' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**

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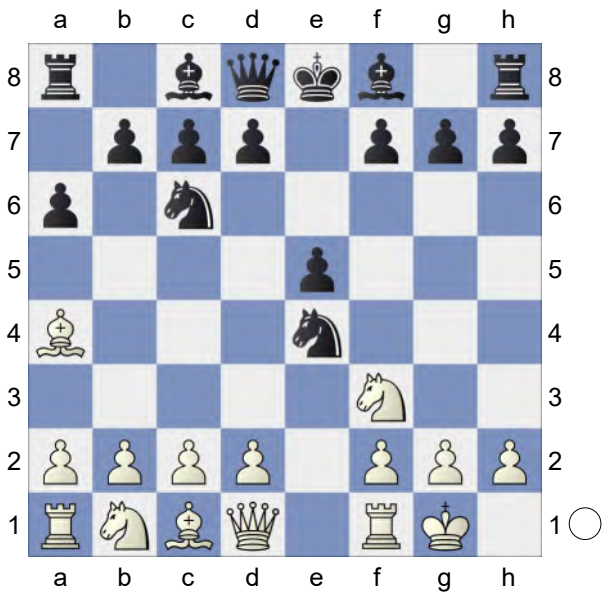

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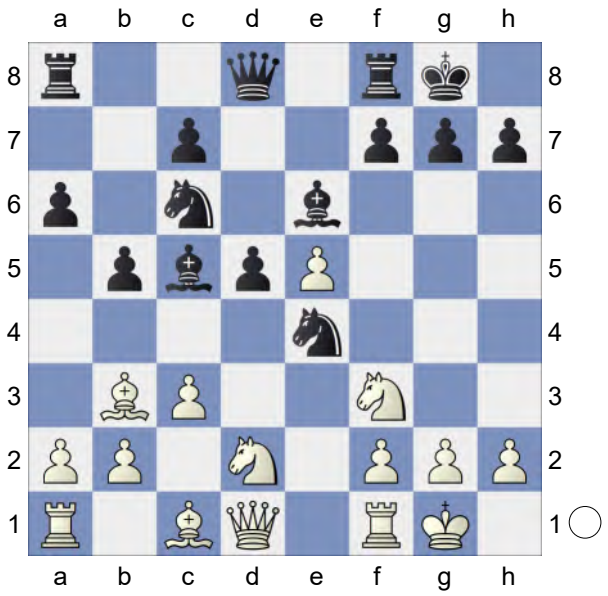

11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

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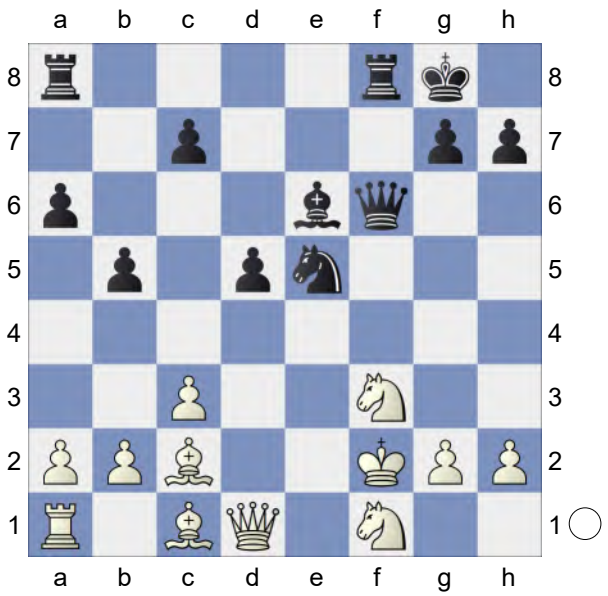


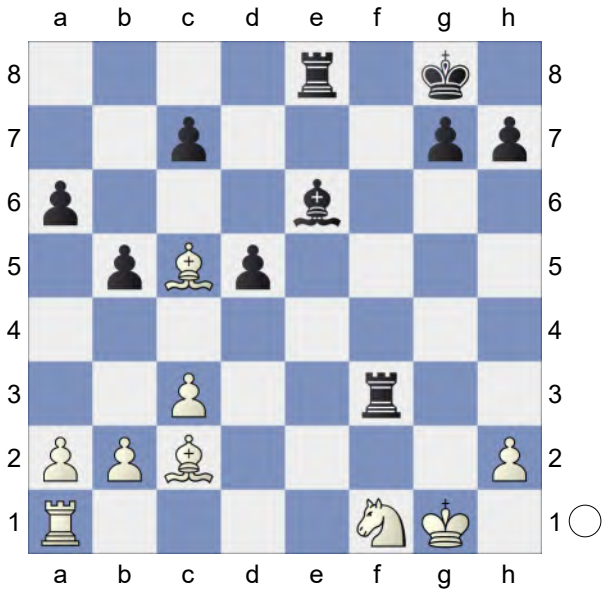
16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 Nxf3! 18.gxf3 Rf7 aiming for ...Bg4. **19.Kg1** -0.23/20

[White should try 19.Kg2!± 0.81/21]

19...Qxf3 0.49/22

[19...Bf5= -0.23/20 20.Bb3 c6]

20.Qxf3± Rxf3



21.Re1 Kf7

[21...g6 22.Re3 Rxe3 23.Nxe3 a5 24.Bd3 c6 25.Kf2 a4 26.Nc2 Bd7 27.Nd4 Kf7 28.Nf3 Bg4 29.Nd4 Bd7 30.b3 axb3 31.axb3 h6 32.Nf3 Bg4 33.Bd4 Bxf3 34.Kxf3 Re1 35.b4 Rh1 36.Kg3 ½-½ (64) Illingworth,M

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22.Nd2

[22.Bxh7? g6 23.Ne3 Bh3-+]

22...Rf4 23.Bf2 This pair of bishops is nice.

[23.Bxh7? g6 24.Bd4 c5 25.Bxc5 Kg7 26.Bxg6 Kxg6∓]

23...c6 24.Re3N

[24.Bxh7 g6 25.Kg2 Kg7-+]

[24.Bg3 Rf6 25.Kg2 Bf5 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Bxf5 Rxf5 28.b4 d4 29.cxd4 Ke7 30.Ne4 Ke6 31.Nc3 Rf7 32.a3 g5 33.h3 Kf5 34.Kf3 Kg6+ 35.Kg2 h5 36.Ne4 g4 37.hxg4 hxg4 38.Nd2 Kf5 1-0 (55) Aseev,K (2525)-Hickl,J (2480) 54/111 136539 1991 39.Nb3 Ke4 40.Nc5+ Kxd4 41.Nxa6 Rf3 42.Nb8 Kd5 43.Nd7 Rxa3 44.Nf6+ Kc4 45.Bd6 Rd3 46.Bc5 Rb3 47.Nxg4 Rxb4 48.Bxb4 Kxb4 49.Kf3 Kc3 50.Ke2 b4 51.Kd1 Kb2 52.Ne5 b3 53.Nxc6 Ka1 ½-½ (55) Aseev,K (2519)-Mikhalevski,V (2531) Beersheba-Peterburg Kingsm 1999 (2) 54.Nd4 b2 55.Nb3+ Ka2 ½-½ Morrison,G (2519)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2528) corr BdF-Zugvogel, PGT-01-G03 2009]

24...Bd7 25.Rxe8

[25.Bxh7 Rg4+ 26.Kh1 g6 27.Rxe8 Bxe8-+]

25...Bxe8

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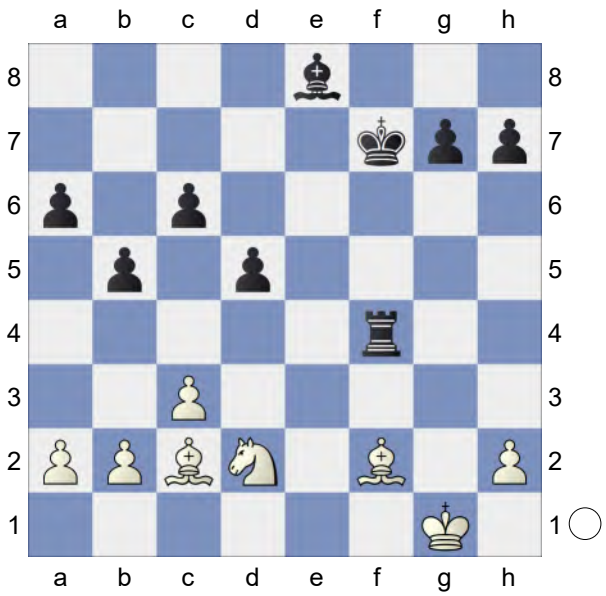


26.Be3

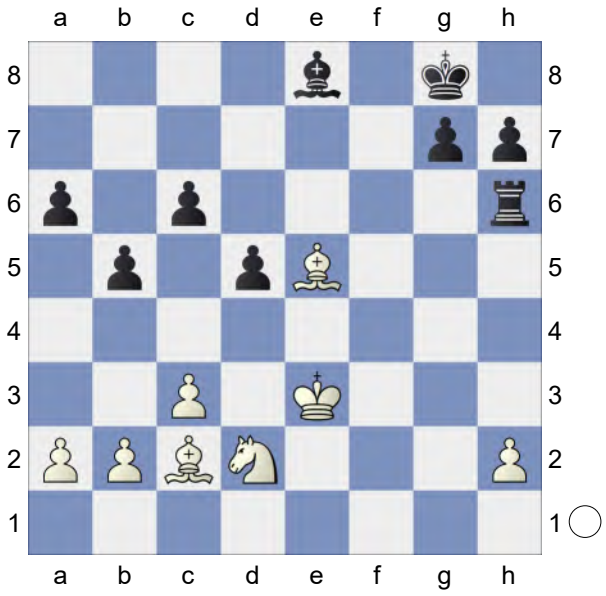
[26.Bxh7? g6 27.Bd4 Kf8-+ *(27...Rh4 28.Nf3∓)*]

26...Rf6 27.Bd4 White has strong compensation. **27...Rf4 28.Be5**

[28.Bxh7 g6 29.Kg2 c5-+ *(29...Rh4 30.Nf3∓)*]

28...Rh4 29.Kf2 Kg8 30.Ke3 Rh6 1.43/22

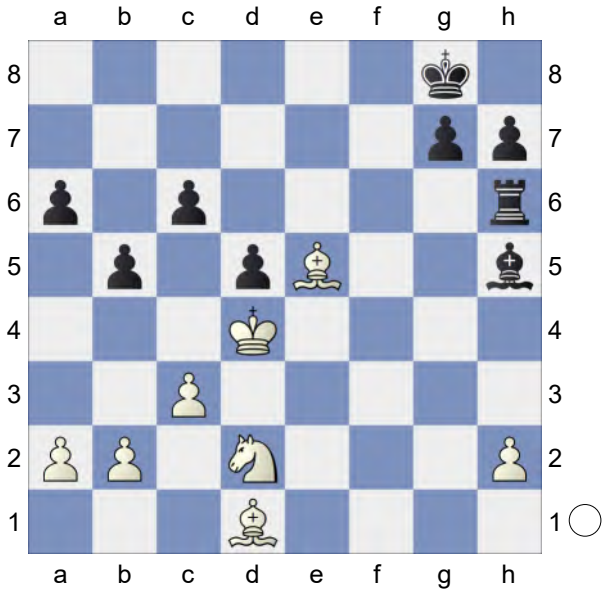
[Black should try 30...Rg4 0.88/19]



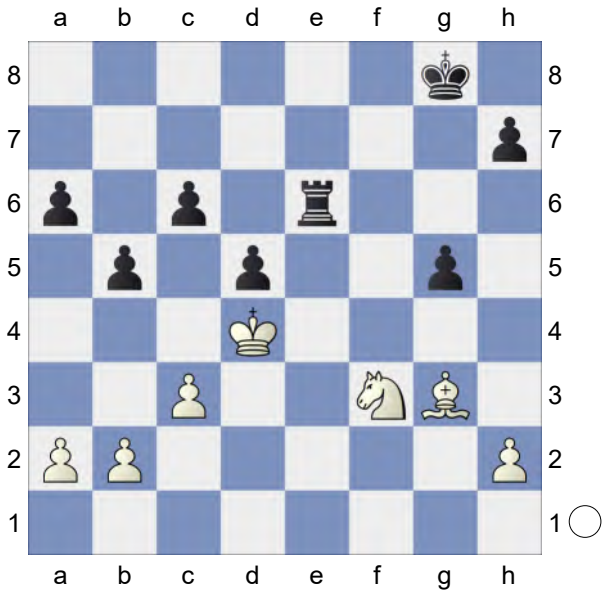
31.Kd4 0.57/17

[White has to play 31.b4!± 1.43/22]

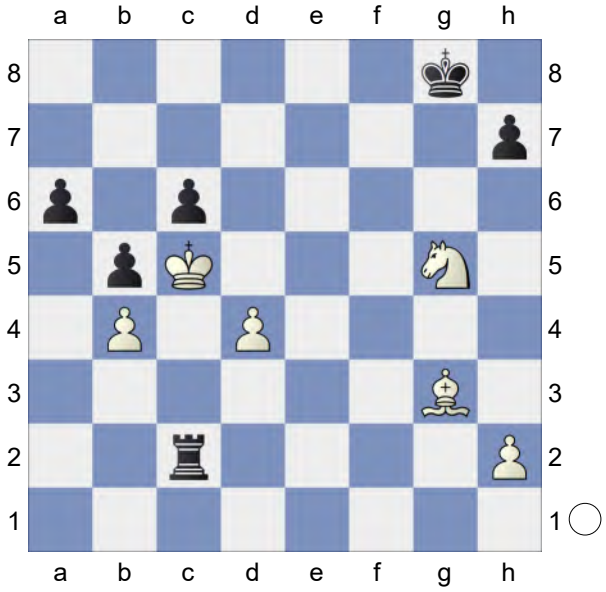
31...Bg6! 32.Bd1 0.97/17
[32.Bb3± 0.57/24 is more appropriate.]
32...Bh5±



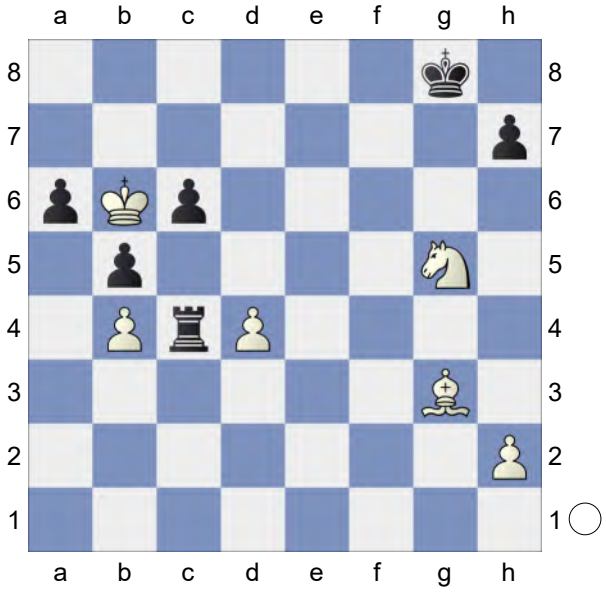
33.Bf3 0.16/20
[33.Bc2!± 0.97/21]
33...g5 1.00/19
[33...Bxf3= 0.16/20 keeps the balance. 34.Nxf3 a5]
34.Bg3 -0.07/22 White is more active.
[34.Bg2± 1.00/19]
34...Bxf3= 35.Nxf3 Re6



36.Nxg5 Re2 37.b4 Rxa2
[37...h6 38.Kd3 Rxa2 39.Ne6]
38.Kc5 Be5! is the strong threat. A mistake that costs the game. **38...d4?** 2.37/25 **39.cxd4+-**
[39.Kxc6? dxc3 40.Ne4 c2-+]
39...Rc2+



40.Kb6! Rc4

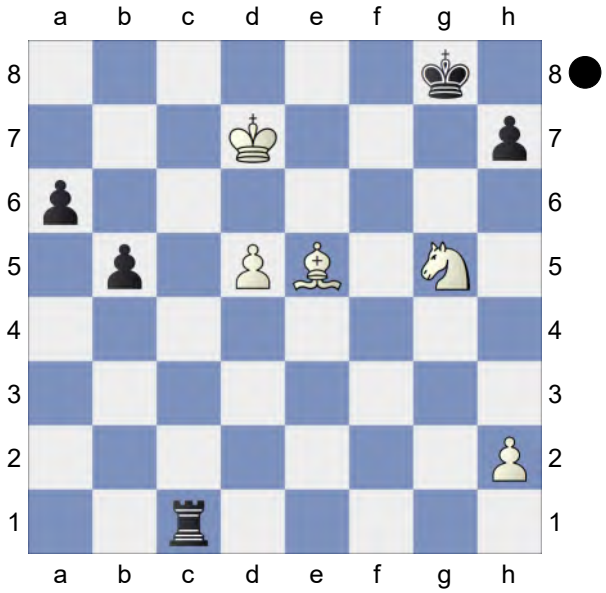


41.Be5
[Stronger than 41.Kxa6 Rxb4 42.Ne6 Rc4=]
41...Rxb4 42.Kxc6 Rb1? 5.70/20
[42...Rc4+ 2.49/19 is more resistant. 43.Kd5 a5]

43.d5 Rc1+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.35

44.Kd7



Black withdraws, adj. 1-0

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87 **C82**

□ **Oren,Itamar** **2375**

■ **Shishkov,Pavel Aleksandrovic**

corr MN/057 ICCF 15.05.1998

[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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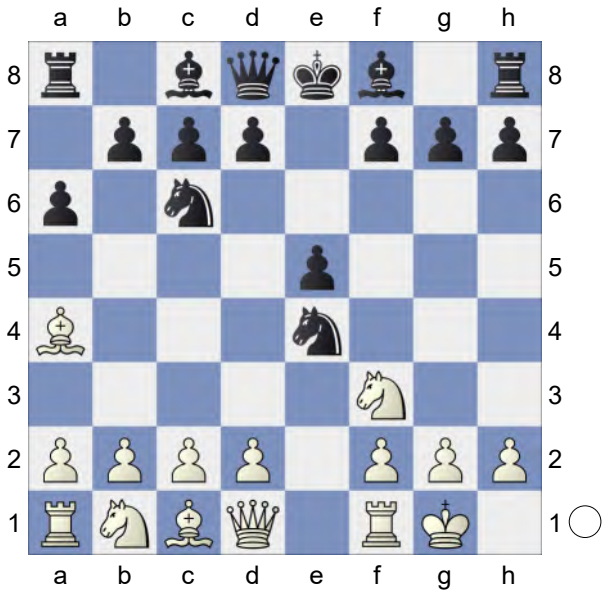

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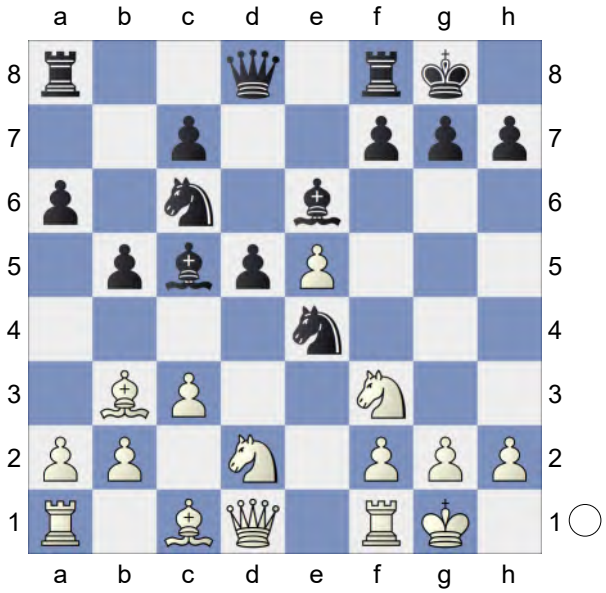

11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

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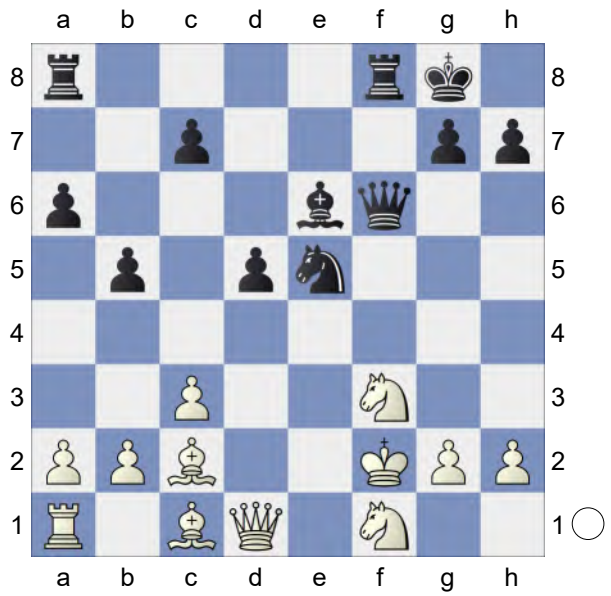
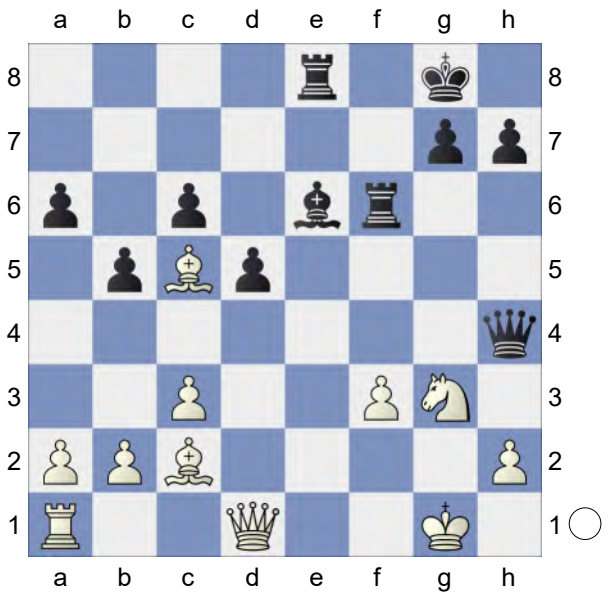


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 Nxf3! 18.gxf3 Qh4+

[18...Rf7 19.Kg1 *(19.Kg2 Qg5+ 20.Ng3 d4 21.Bxd4 c5 22.Bf2 Rxf3 23.Be4 Bh3+ 24.Kxh3 Rxf2 25.Qd5+ Qxd5 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.b3 Re3 28.a4 g6 29.axb5 axb5 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Ra7+ Kh6 32.Kg4 Rf8 33.h4 Rxc3* 1-0 (72) Gantner,L (2154)-Chitrit,N (1812) Syre Memorial op 36th 2013 (6)*)* 19...Qxf3 20.Qxf3 Rxf3 21.Re1 Kf7 22.Nd2 Rf4 23.Bf2 c6 24.Bg3 Rf6 25.Kg2 Bf5 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Bxf5 Rxf5 28.b4 d4 29.cxd4 Ke7 30.Ne4 Ke6 31.Nc3 Rf7 32.a3 g5 33.h3 ½-½ (55) Morrison,G (2519)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2531) Hrvatska 109/(290) 2010 (2)]

19.Kg1 The board is on fire. **19...Rf6** White is clearly better. **20.Ng3!** Repels Qh5 **20...c6**

(Diagram)



21.a4N 0.67/19

[21.Bd4!± 1.21/19 Rf7 22.Bd3 Ref8 23.Be2 Qg5 24.Qd3 h5 25.Be3 Qe7 26.Qd2 h4 27.Nf1 g5 28.b4 Qf6 29.Bd4 Qg6 30.Ne3 h3 31.Qe1 g4 32.Qg3 Rf4 33.Rf1 1-0 Bonham,R-Beach,T event corr 1946]

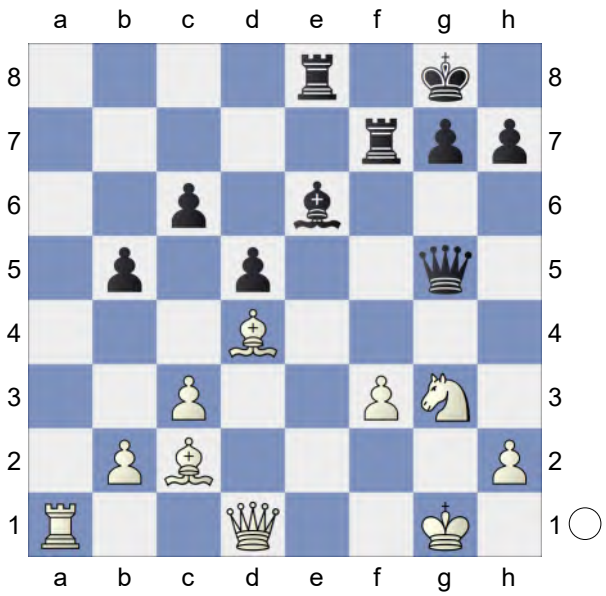
21...Qg5 1.67/23

[21...Bh3± 0.67/19]

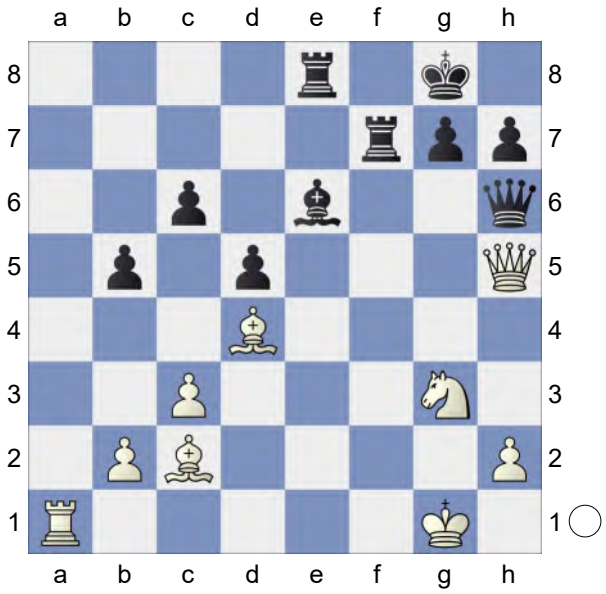
22.axb5 axb5 23.Bd4 A strong pair of Bishops. **23...Rf7** 2.13/19

[23...Bh3± 1.56/19 24.Qd3 *(24.Bxf6? Qe3+ 25.Kh1 Qf2-+)* 24...Rg6]

(Diagram)



24.f4!+- Deflection **24...Qxf4**
[24...Rxf4 25.Be3]
25.Qh5 Qh6
[25...g6? 26.Bxg6+-]



26.Qxh6 gxh6 27.Re1 Bd7

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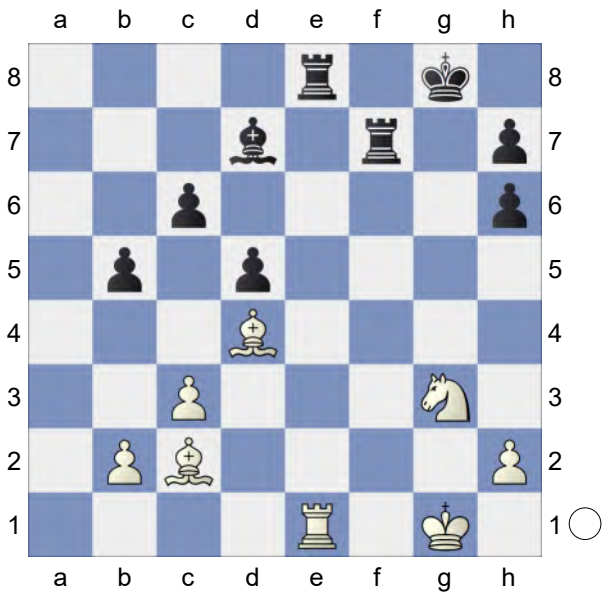
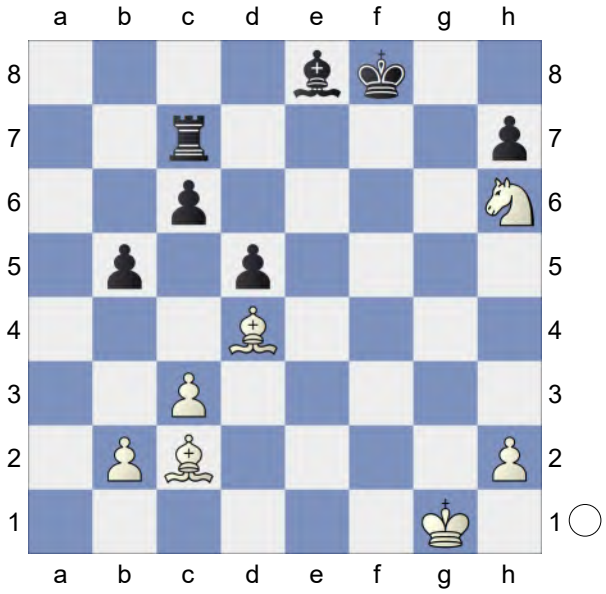
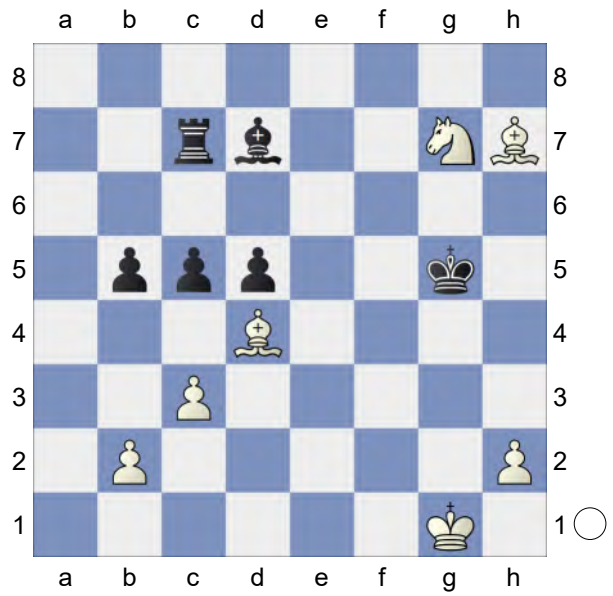


28.Rxe8+ Bxe8 29.Nf5 Rc7 30.Nxh6+ Kf8



31.Bc5+ Kg7 32.Nf5+ Kf6 33.Bd4+ Kg5 34.Ng7 Discovered Attack **34...Bd7** Prevents Ne6+. **35.Bxh7?** 0.06/18
[35.b4+- 2.08/19]
35...c5=

(Diagram)



36.Be3+ Kg4 37.Kg2 Black cannot hold the game after this. **37...Bc8** 3.09/24

[37...d4!= 0.13/18 38.Bf5+ *(38.cxd4? Bc6+* Discovered Attack *39.Kf2 Rxg7∓; 38.h3+ Kh4±)* 38...Kh4 39.Bf2+ *(39.cxd4 Bc6+* Discovered Attack *40.Kf1 Rxg7∓)* 39...Kg5]

38.Ne8+- Rc6

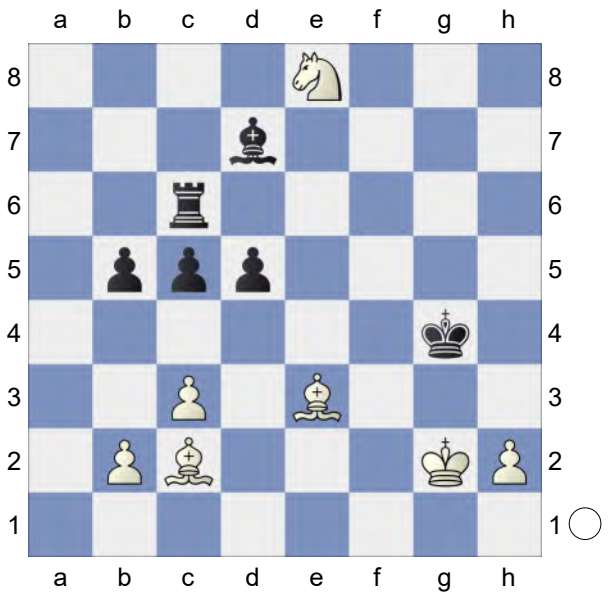
[38...Rxh7? perishes. 39.Nf6+ *(39.Bxc5 Rh6∓)* 39...Kf5 40.Nxh7+-]

39.Bc2 And now h3+ would win.

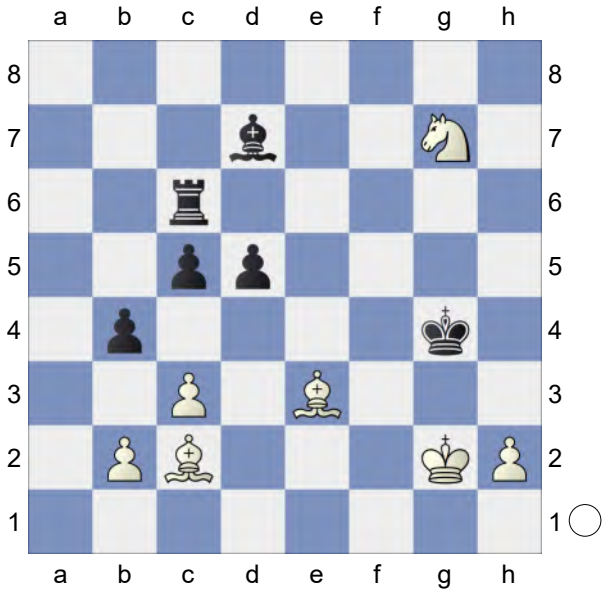
39...Bd7 2.92/18

[39...d4 2.02/18 might work better. 40.Bd1+ *(40.cxd4 cxd4 41.Bd1+ Kf5+-)* 40...Kf5 41.cxd4 cxd4 42.Bxd4 Rc1]

(Diagram)



40.Ng7! b4



41.Ba4 Skewer **41...Rg6 42.Bxd7+ Kh4+ 43.Kf3 Rxg7 44.Bf2+ Kg5 45.h4+ Kf6**

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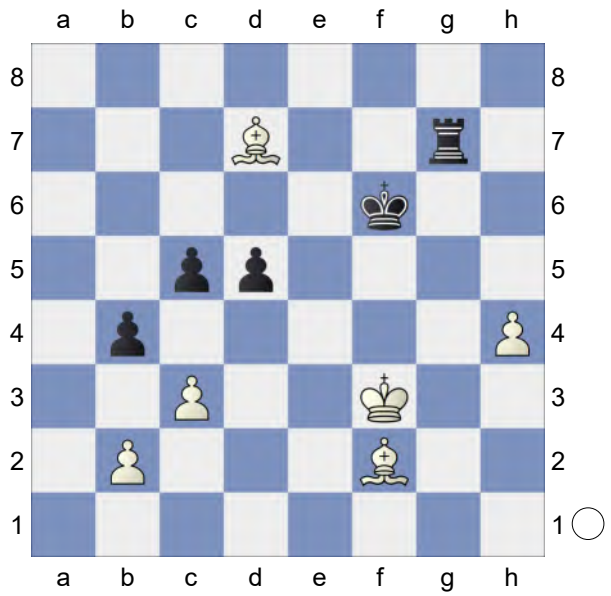
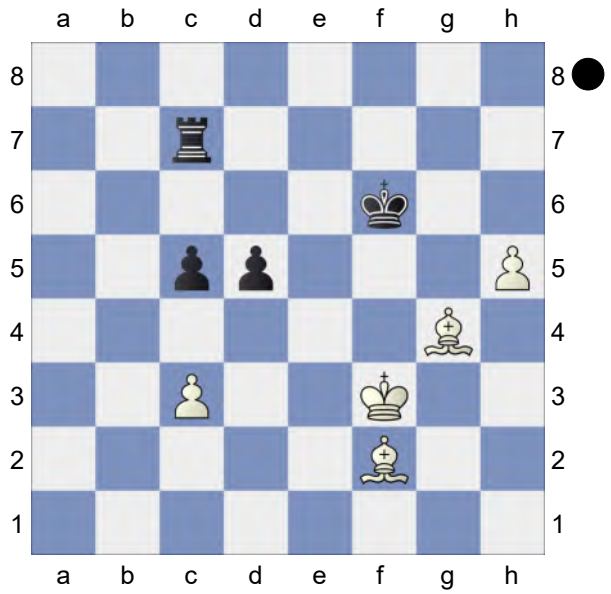


46.Bg4 bxc3 47.bxc3 Rc7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.35

48.h5



An unexpected result.

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88 **C82**

□ **Fumero Sanchez,Jose Antonio 2340**

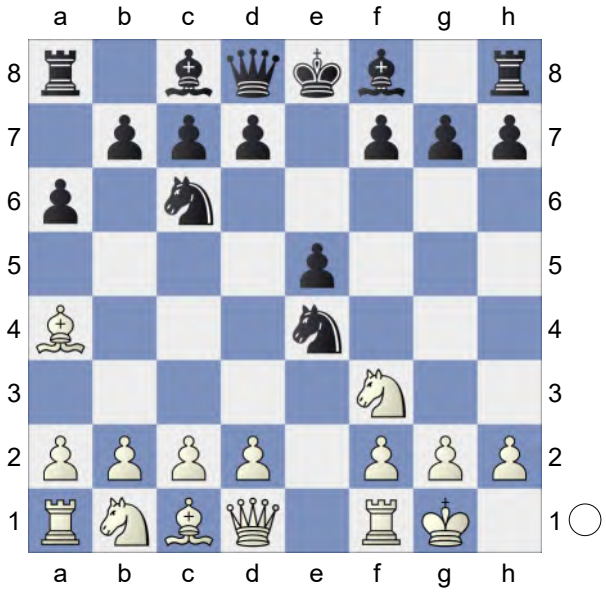
■ **Shishkov,Pavel Aleksandrovic**

corr MN/057 ICCF 15.05.1998

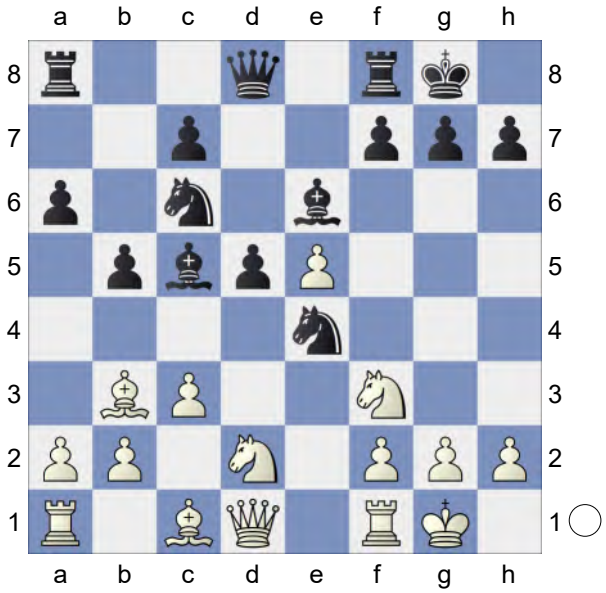
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



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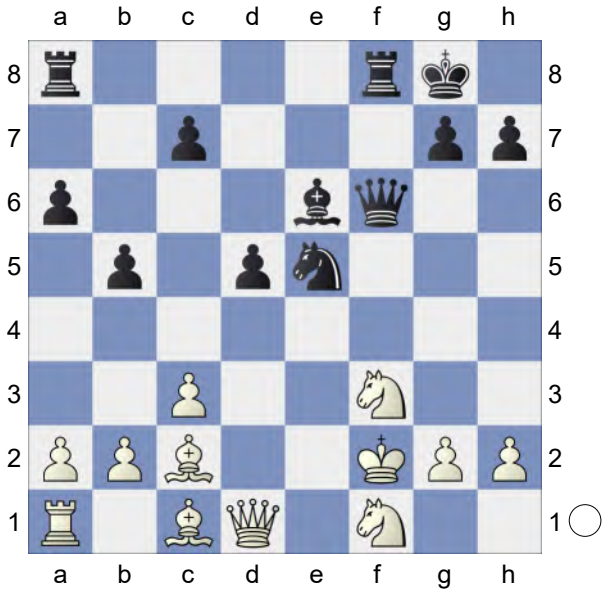


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5! A strong pair of Bishops. **17...Nxf3 18.gxf3 Qh4+** 1.08/21

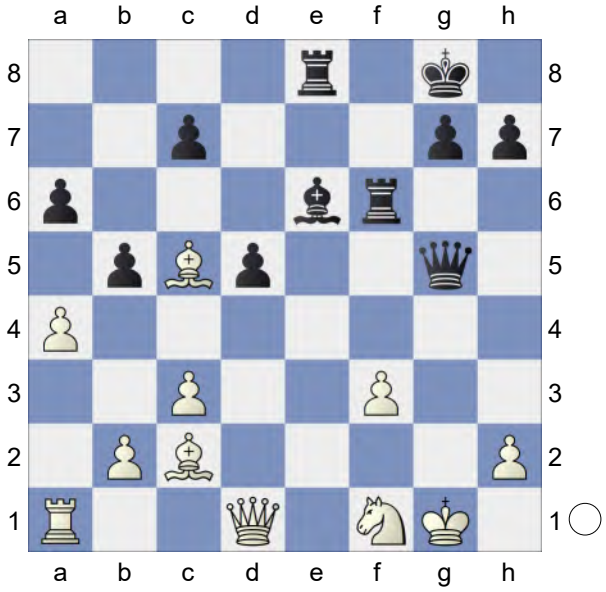
[18...Rf7!± 0.55/20 19.Kg1 *(19.Kg2 Qg5+ 20.Ng3 d4 21.Bxd4 c5 22.Bf2 Rxf3 23.Be4 Bh3+ 24.Kxh3 Rxf2 25.Qd5+ Qxd5 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.b3 Re3 28.a4 g6 29.axb5 axb5 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Ra7+ Kh6 32.Kg4 Rf8 33.h4 Rxc3* 1-0 (72) Gantner,L (2154)-Chitrit,N (1812) Syre Memorial op 36th 2013 (6)*)* 19...Qxf3 20.Qxf3 Rxf3 21.Re1 Kf7 22.Nd2 Rf4 23.Bf2 c6 24.Bg3 Rf6 25.Kg2 Bf5 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Bxf5 Rxf5 28.b4 d4 29.cxd4 Ke7 30.Ne4 Ke6 31.Nc3 Rf7 32.a3 g5 33.h3 Kf5 ½-½ (55) Morrison,G (2519)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2531) Hrvatska 109/(290) 2010 (2)]

19.Kg1± The board is on fire. **19...Rf6** White is better. **20.a4N** 0.81/20

[⌓20.Ng3 1.19/18 c6 21.Bd4 Rf7 22.Bd3 Ref8 23.Be2 Qg5 24.Qd3 h5 25.Be3 Qe7 26.Qd2 h4 27.Nf1 g5 28.b4 Qf6 29.Bd4 Qg6 30.Ne3 h3 31.Qe1 g4 32.Qg3 Rf4 33.Rf1 1-0 Bonham,R-Beach,T event corr 1946]

20...Qg5+ 1.17/20

[⌓20...Qh5 0.81/20]



21.Ng3 h5 2.29/19

[21...Bh3± 1.17/20 22.Qd3 g6]

22.Qd3 Bh3 23.axb5 axb5 24.Qh7+ 1.11/5

[24.Qxb5 c6 25.Qd3 Bf5-+]

[Better is 24.Kh1+- 2.15/24]

24...Kf7 and ...h4! should not be overlooked **25.Qxh5+ Qxh5**

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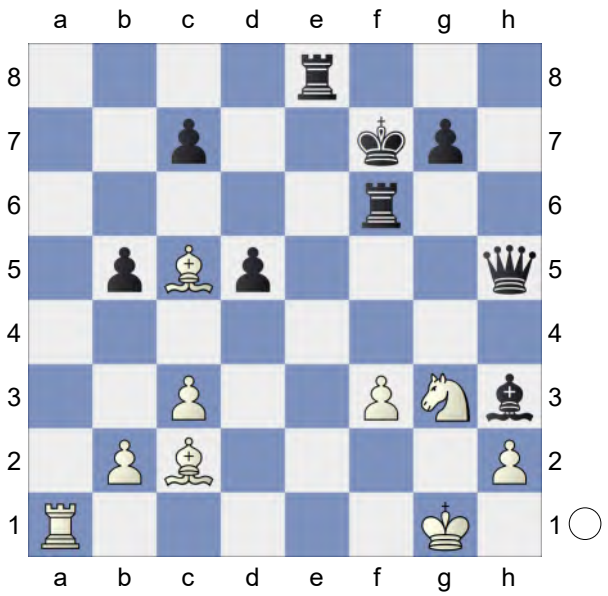
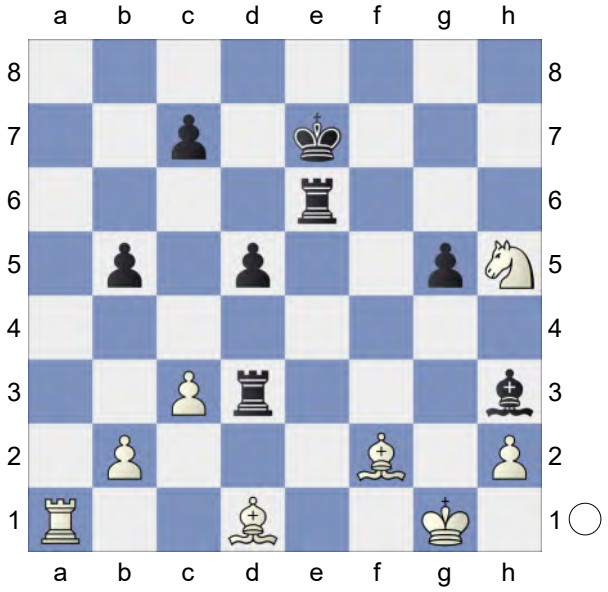
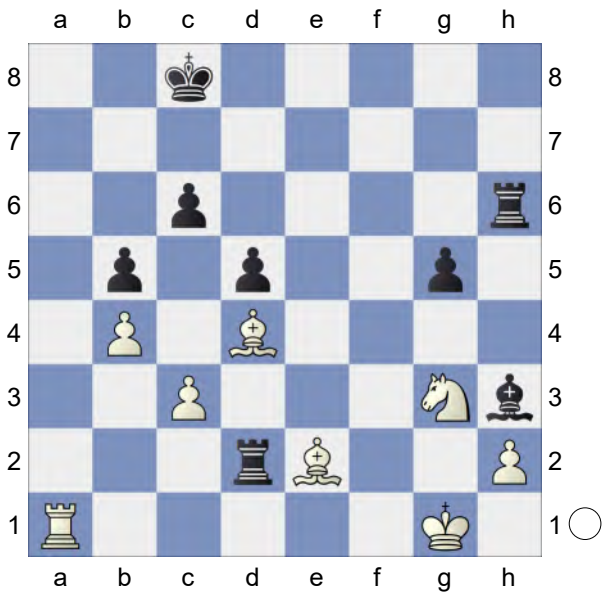


Remove Defender **26.Nxh5 Rxf3 27.Ng3** Prevents Re2 **27...Re6 28.Bf2 Ke7 29.Bd1** 0.63/17
[29.Rd1± 1.25/21]
29...Rd3± 30.Nh5 g5

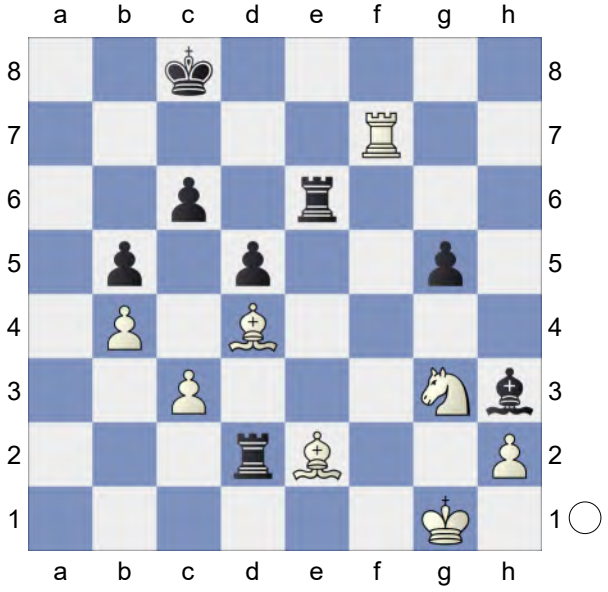


Wards off Nf4 **31.Ng3 Rd2 32.b4 Kd7 33.Bh5 Rh6 34.Be2 c6 35.Bd4**
[35.Be3 Rc2±]
35...Kc8 1.11/19
[Black should play 35...Rc2!± 0.41/20]

(Diagram)

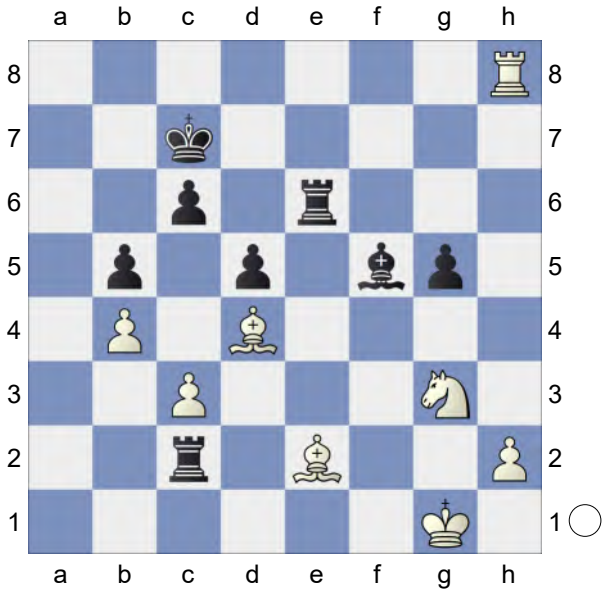


36.Ra8+ 1.65/23
[36.Bf1± 1.11/19]
36...Kb7 37.Ra7+ Kc8 38.Rg7 Re6 39.Rh7 Hoping for Rh8+.
[Don't play 39.Rxg5?! Rexe2 40.Nxe2 Rxe2±]
39...Bf5 40.Rf7
[40.Nxf5 Rexe2 41.Nd6+ Kb8]
40...Bh3

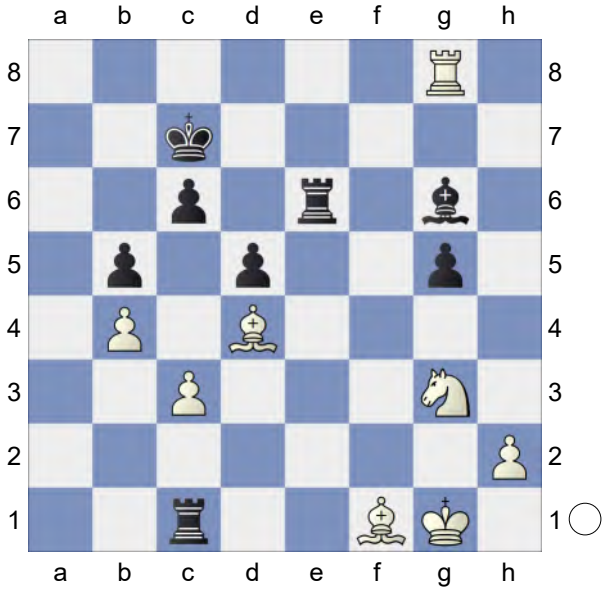


41.Rf3 0.73/19
[⌓41.Rf8+ 1.48/20 Kc7 42.Rh8]
41...Rc2 1.71/22
[41...Kd7± 0.73/19]

42.Rf8++- Kc7 43.Rh8↑ White is really pushing. **43...Bf5**

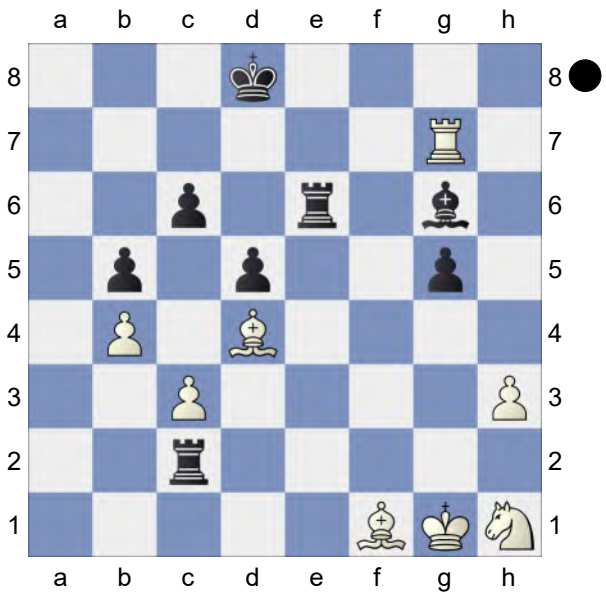


Deflection **44.Bf1! Bg6** 1.86/21
[44...Bg4± 1.12/17]
45.Rg8 White is clearly better. **45...Rc1**



46.h3 Rc2 2.46/19
[46...Bd3± 1.45/18 was called for.]
47.Rg7+ Kd8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
48.Nh1

(Diagram)



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89 **C82**
□ **Jirku,Jaroslav** **2225**
■ **Hala,Martin** **2420**
corr Czech Republic 4MCR_4D_1L_2S
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
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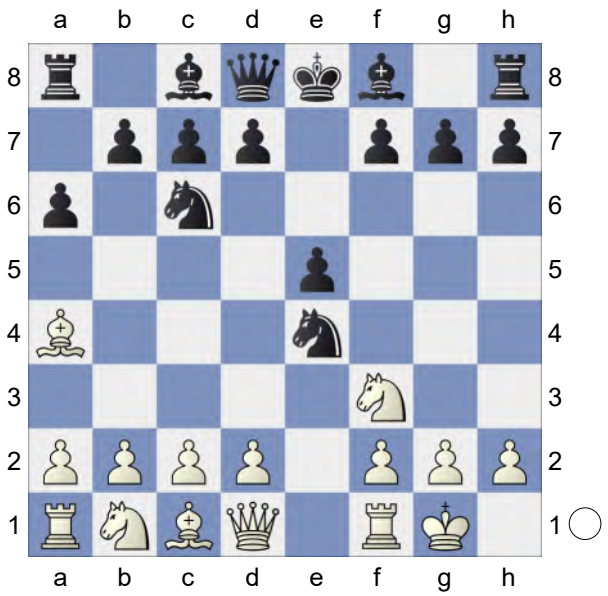
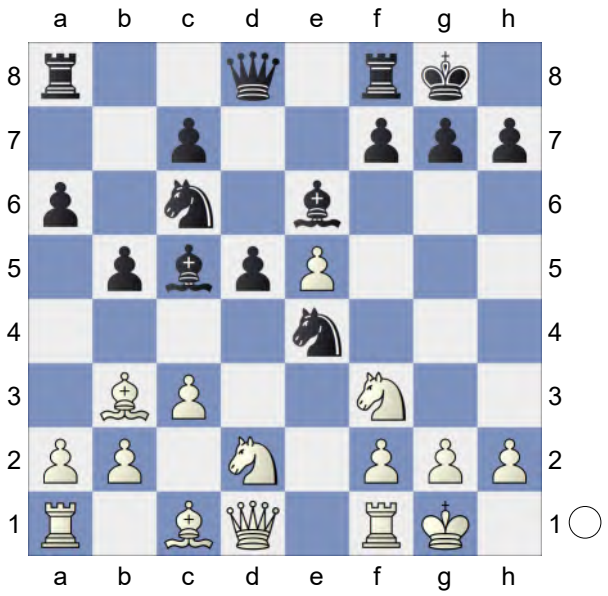


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



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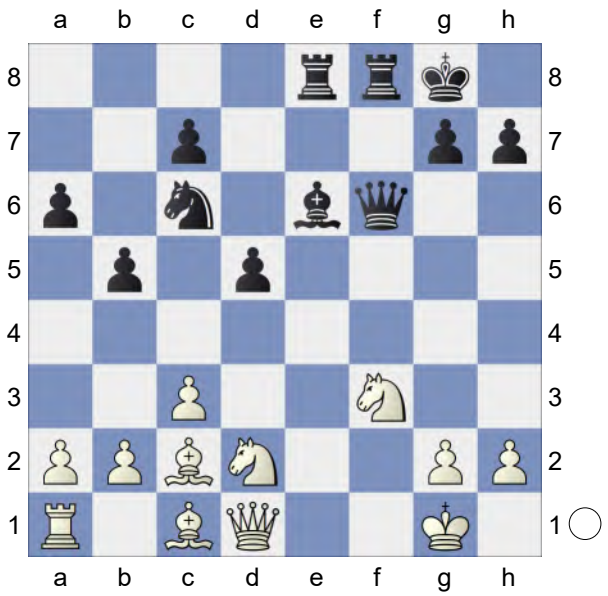
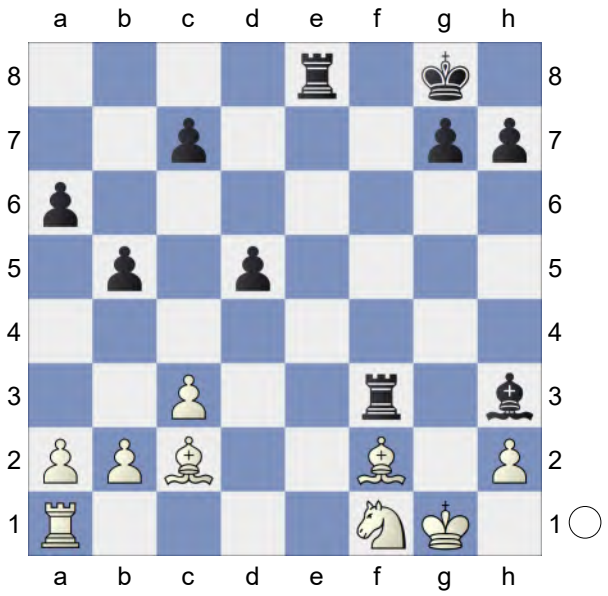


16.Nf1 Ne5 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 Bh3

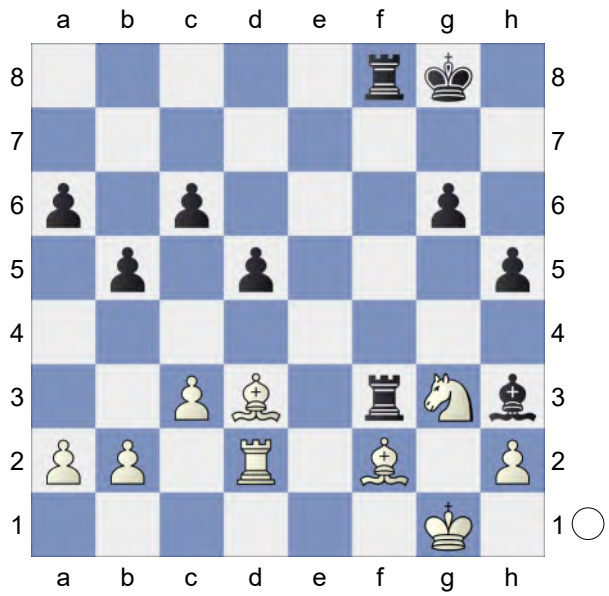


21.Ng3 g6 22.Rd1 c6 The position is equal. **23.Rd2** -0.41/21

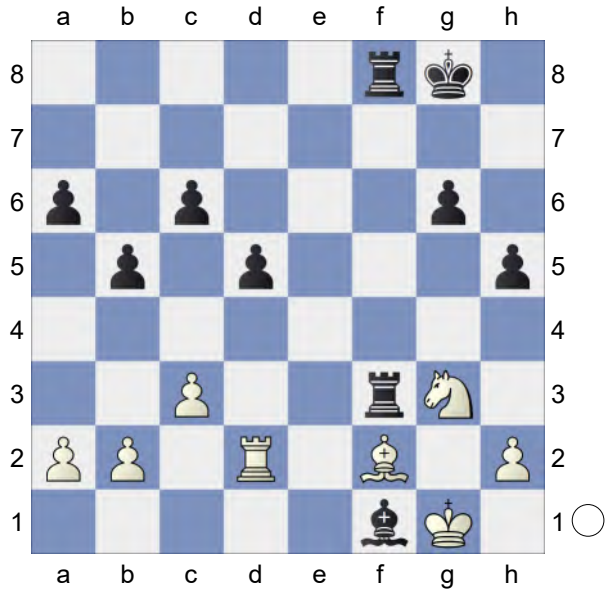
[23.a3= -0.05/21 is superior.]

23...Ref8 24.Bd3 h5

(Diagram)

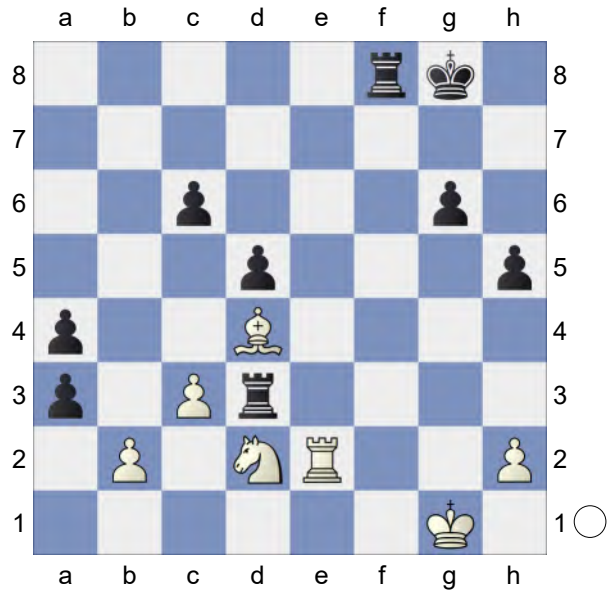


25.Bf1 Bxf1

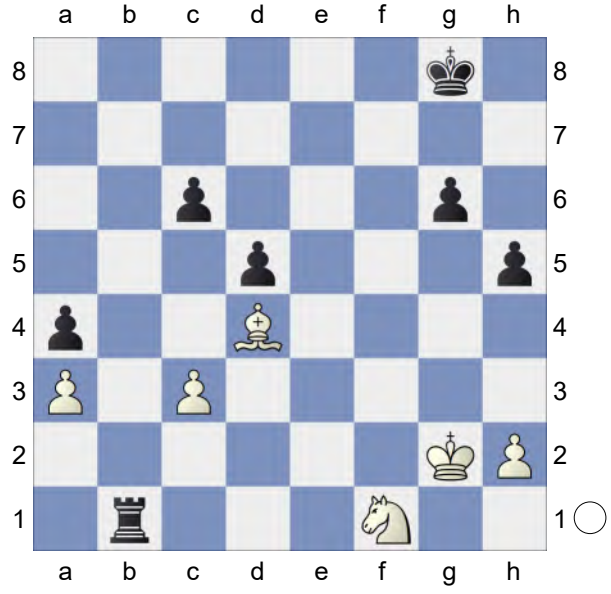


26.Nxf1 a5N
[26...g5 27.Ne3 a5 28.Nc2 h4 29.Nd4 R3f6 Chapter-Games Chapter 3 Game 11]
27.Re2 -1.19/18
[Better is 27.Ne3∓ -0.33/20]
27...b4 -0.52/22 Black is more active.
[27...a4∓ -1.19/18 And now ...a3! would win. 28.Ne3 Re8]
28.Nd2∓ Rd3 Now White is beyond hope. **29.Bd4** -2.72/18
[29.cxb4!∓ -0.55/18 axb4 30.Nb3]

29...a4-+ 30.a3 bxa3



31.bxa3 Rf5 32.Nf1 Rd1 33.Rf2 Rg5+ 34.Rg2? -5.24/21
[34.Kh1 -3.20/18 was the only chance.]
34...Rxg2+ Black is clearly winning.
35.Kxg2 Rb1
[35...Ra1 36.Bc5=]



36.Bc5 Rb2+ 37.Kg1 Kf7 38.Bb4 Ke6 39.Ne3 Ke5 40.Ng2 Ke4

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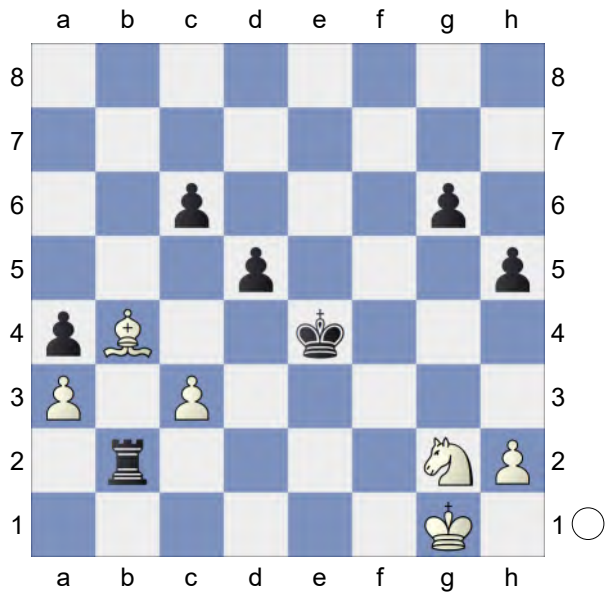
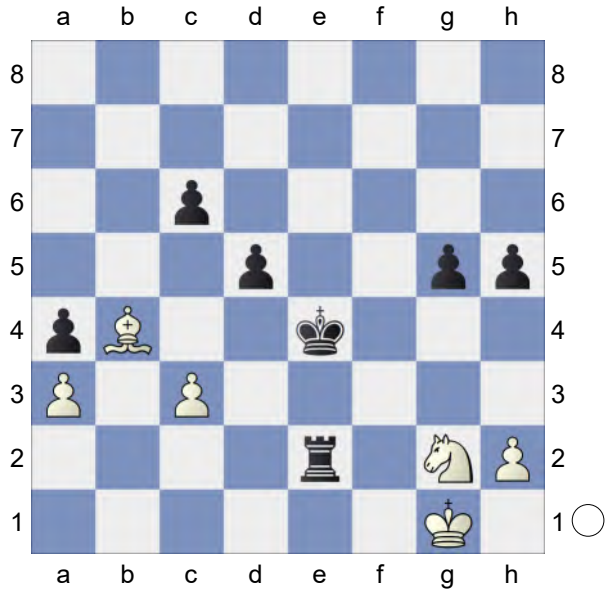


41.Ne1 Re2 42.Ng2 g5



43.Kf1 Rb2 44.Be7 Rb3 45.Bb4

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45...d4

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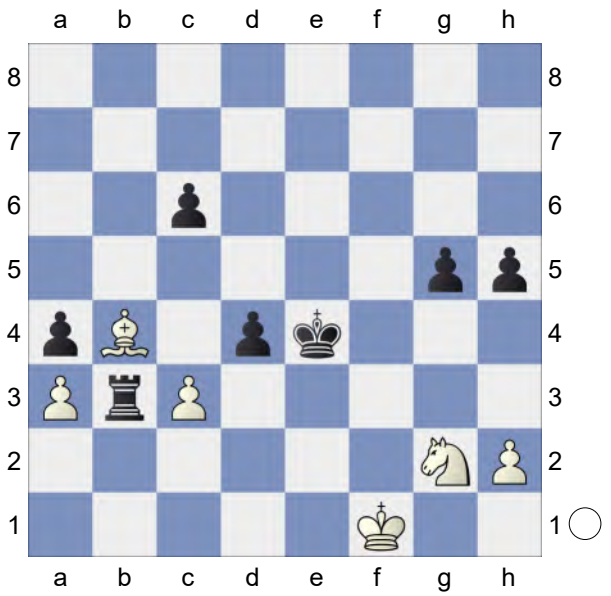

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90 **C82**

□ **Kusmierek,Jozef** **1879**

■ **Bas Fortuny,Marti** **2325**

corr WS/M/063 08.07.2006

[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

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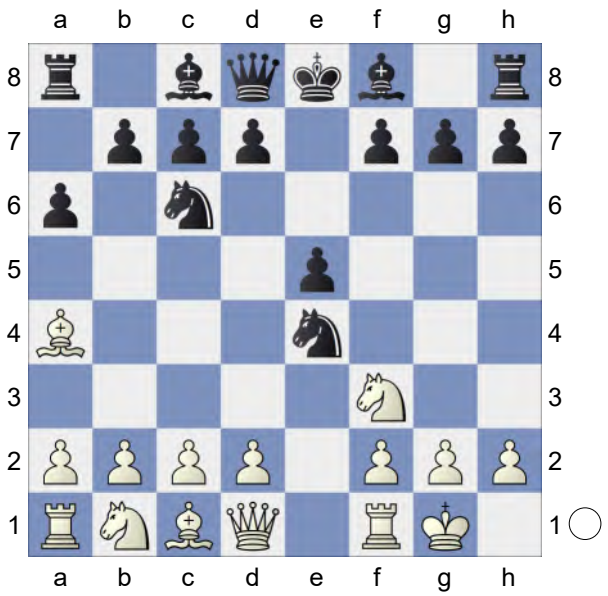

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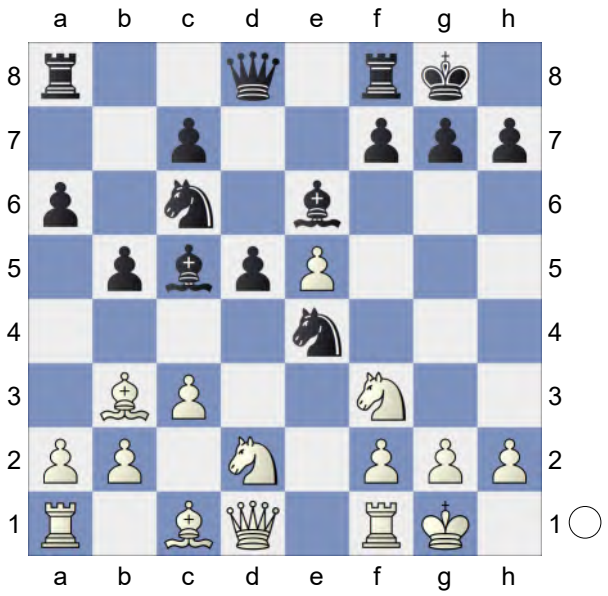

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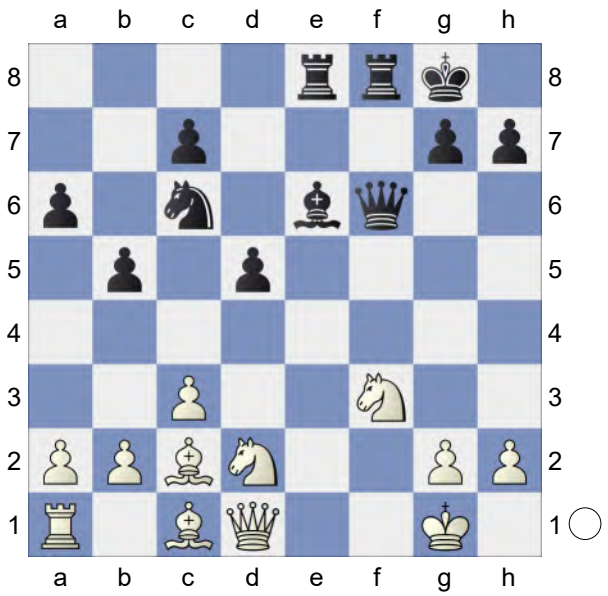
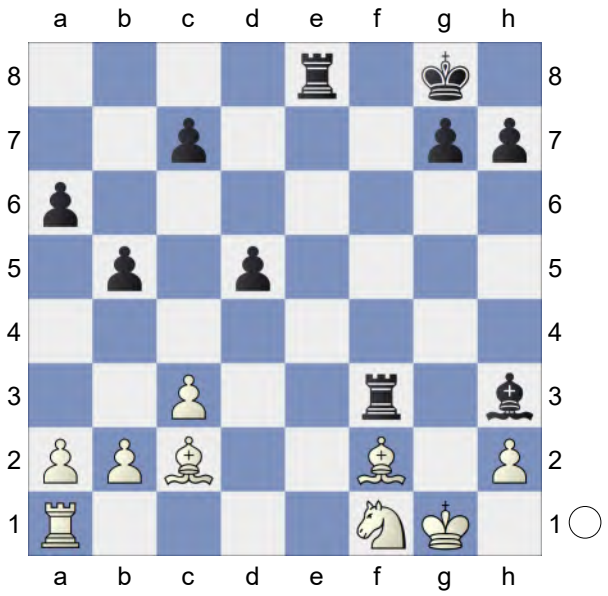
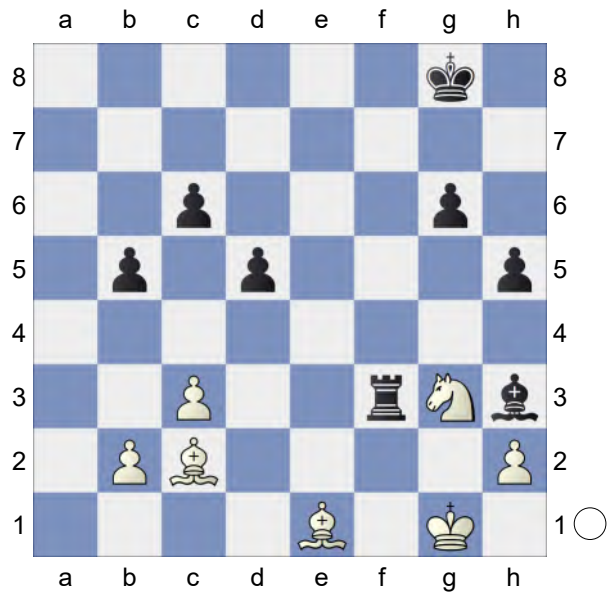


16.Nf1 Ne5 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 Bh3

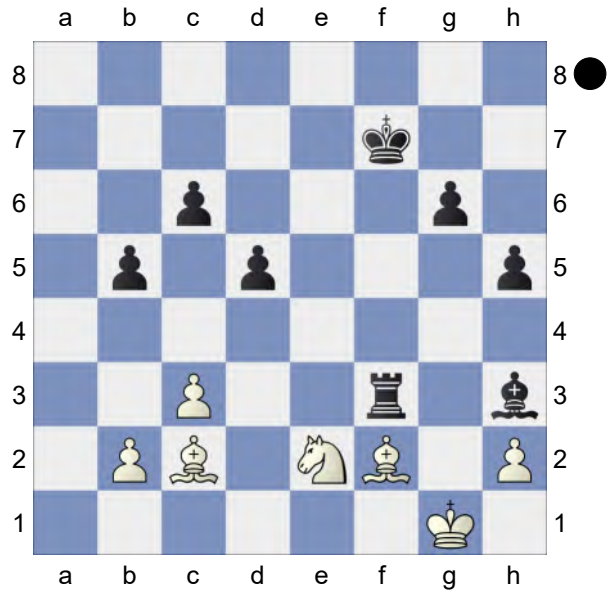


21.Ng3 g6 22.a4 c6 23.axb5 axb5 24.Re1 Rxe1+ 25.Bxe1 h5

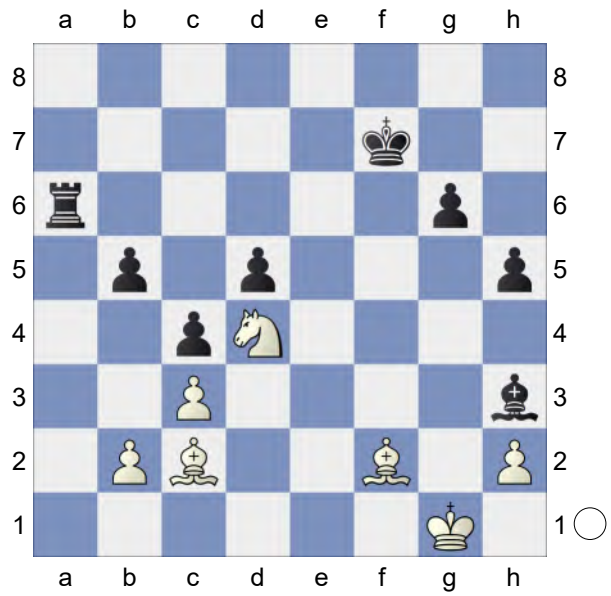
(Diagram)



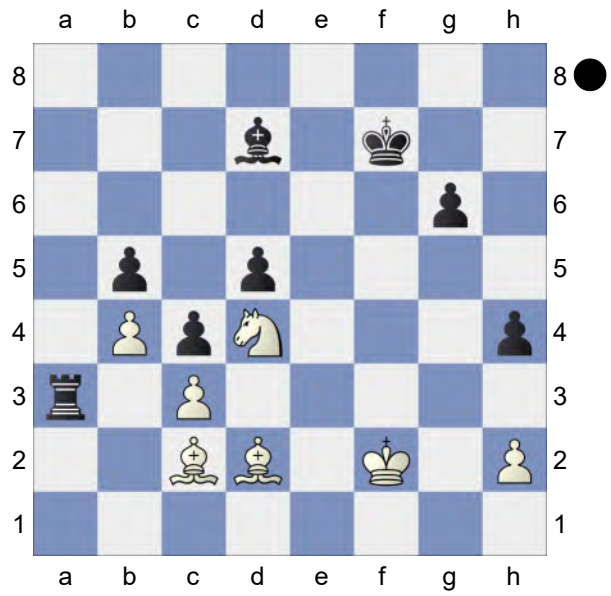
26.Bf2
[26.Bxg6? h4 27.Bf2 *(27.Bh5? Rf8-+)* 27...hxg3 28.hxg3 Rf8-+]
26...Kf7N
[26...Rf4 27.Be3 Rf3 28.Bg5 Rf7 29.Bd3 Ra7 30.Kf2 Ra2 31.Bc1 Kf7 32.Ne2 Kf6 33.Nd4 Bd7 34.h4 1-0 (35) Thimann,R-Samarian,S Wch8 sf5 corr ICCF 1972]
27.Ne2



c5! Prevents Nd4. **28.Nc1 c4 29.Ne2** Against Rf4 **29...Rf6 30.Nd4 Ra6**
(Diagram)

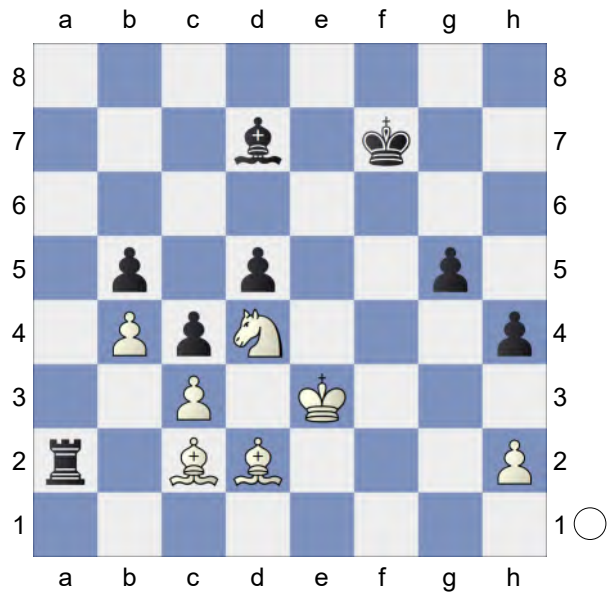


31.Be3 -0.58/22
[31.Bh4!= -0.22/21]
31...Bd7 -0.12/25
[31...Ra2∓ -0.58/22 deserves consideration. 32.Nxb5 Rxb2]
32.b4 -0.61/25
[32.h4= -0.12/25]
32...Ra3!∓ 33.Bd2! h4! 34.Kf2



Ra2! 35.Ke3 g5

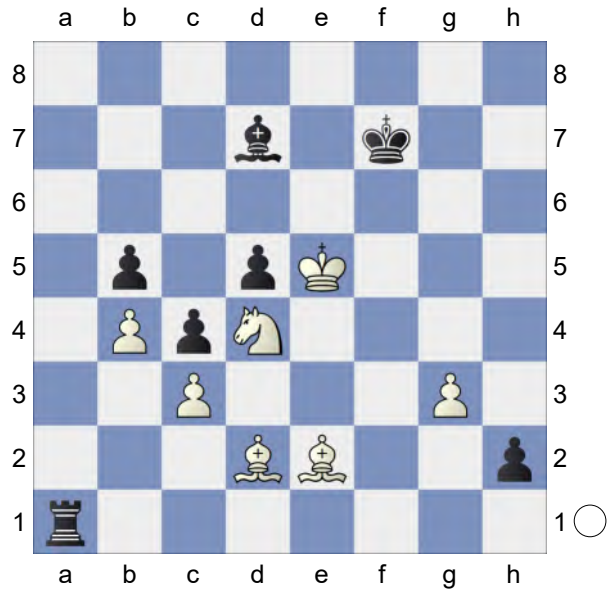
(Diagram)



36.Bd1 g4 Inhibits Bf3. **37.Be2 Ra1** -0.07/20 Inhibits Be1.

[Black should play 37...Kg6∓ -0.90/24 38.Be1 Kg5]

38.Kf4= The position is equal. **38...g3 39.hxg3 h3** ...h2 would now be deadly. **40.Ke5 h2**



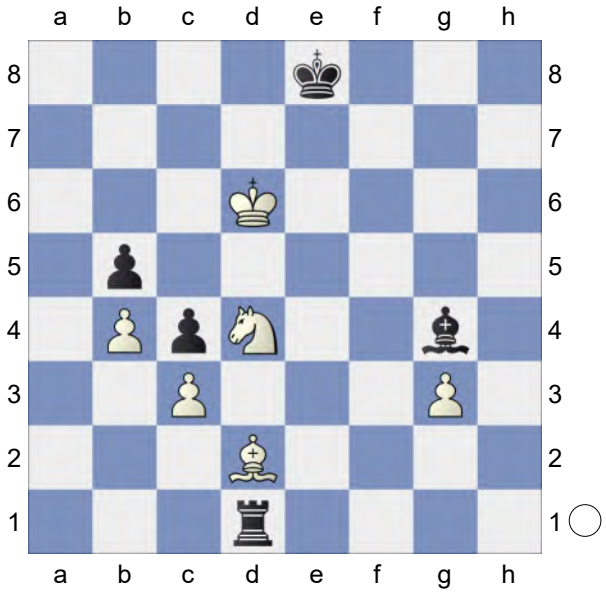
41.Bf3 h1Q 42.Bxd5+ This pair of bishops is nice. **42...Ke8 43.Bxh1 Rxh1 44.Kd5 Bg4**

[44...Rd1!? 45.Bf4□ Rf1∓]

45.Kd6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

45...Rd1



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91 **C82**

□ **Hotting,Arend** **2566**

■ **De Boer,Reijer** **2174**

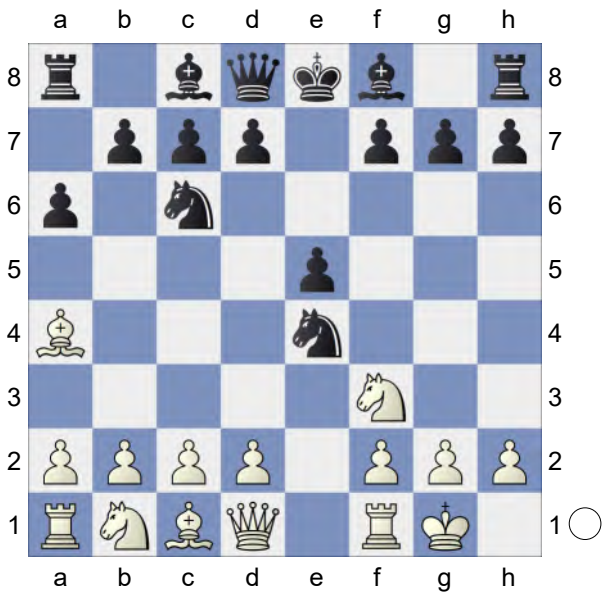
corr NLD-ch23 1993

[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

(Diagram)



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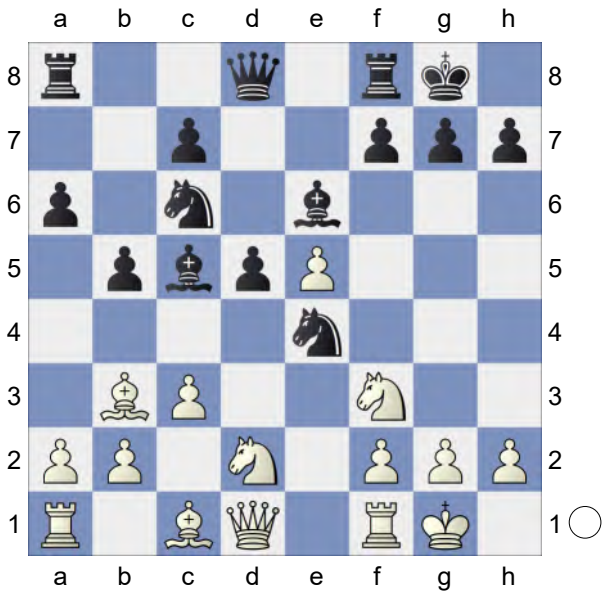

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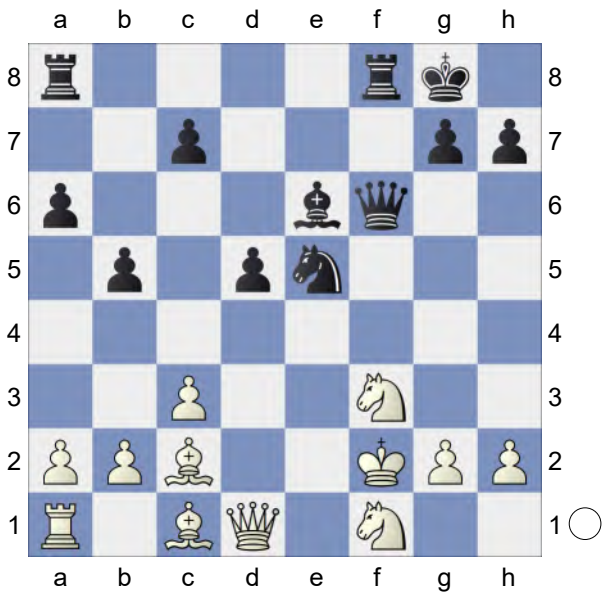


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 This pair of bishops is nice. **17...Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7** and ...Bg4 should not be overlooked **19.Kg2 c6** 0.87/20

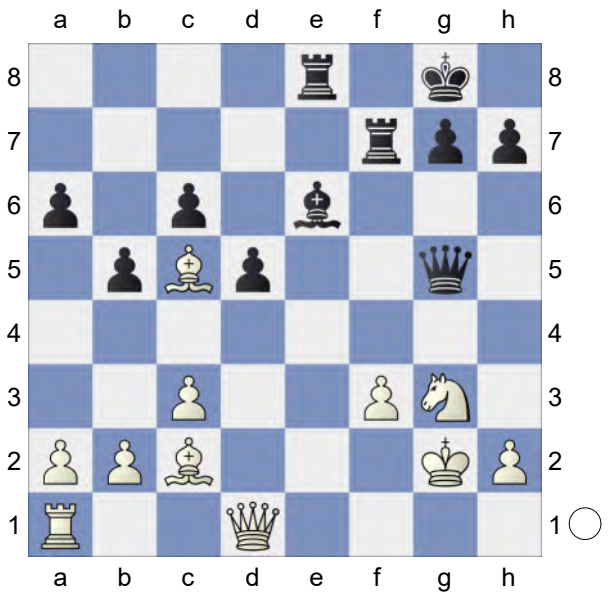
[19...d4= -0.12/22 remains equal. 20.Bxd4 *(20.Qxd4? Qxf3+ 21.Kg1 Bd5-+)* 20...Qg5+ 21.Kh1 Bh3 *(21...Bd5 22.Bb3=)*]

[19...Qg5+ 20.Ng3 g6 *(20...d4 21.Bxd4 c5 22.Bf2 Rxf3 23.Be4 Bh3+ 24.Kxh3 Rxf2 25.Qd5+ Qxd5 26.Bxd5+ Kh8 27.b3 Re3 28.a4 g6 29.axb5 axb5 30.Ra8+ Kg7 31.Ra7+ Kh6 32.Kg4 Rf8 33.h4 Rxc3 34.Ne4 Rcf3 35.Rxh7+* 1-0 (72) Gantner,L (2154)-Chitrit,N (1812) Syre Memorial op 36th 2013 (6)*)* 21.Qd4 Bd7 22.Rf1 Rf4 23.Qd3 Rh4 24.Rh1 c6 25.Kf2 Qh6 26.Nf1 Qc1 27.Qd2 Qxb2 28.Bd3 Qxd2+ 29.Nxd2 a5 30.Nb3 b4 31.cxb4 axb4 32.Kg3 Rh3+ 33.Kg2 Ra8 34.Ra1 0-1 (69) Boulos, C (2440)-Eyabrev (2545) 73/(312) Budapest 1998 (2)]

20.Ng3± Qd3 would now be deadly.

20...Qg5 1.36/19

[20...Qh4± 0.40/20]



21.a4 0.30/20
[21.h4!± 1.36/19 Qf4 *(21...Qxh4 22.Qh1±)* 22.Qd3 *(22.h5 Qh4±)*]
21...h5N
[21...Bf5 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.axb5 axb5 24.h4 Qg6 25.Qc2 Rf4 26.Qxg6 hxg6 27.Ra6 Re6 28.Ra8+ Kh7 29.Ra7 Rxh4 30.Bd4 Kg8 31.Rxg7+ Kf8 32.Ra7 Ke8 33.b4 Rf4 34.Ra2 Kd8 35.Ne2 Rf7 36.Kg3 1-0 (40) Jakobetz,L (2470)-Gunnarsson,M (2375) Wch22 sf10 corr ICCF 1997]

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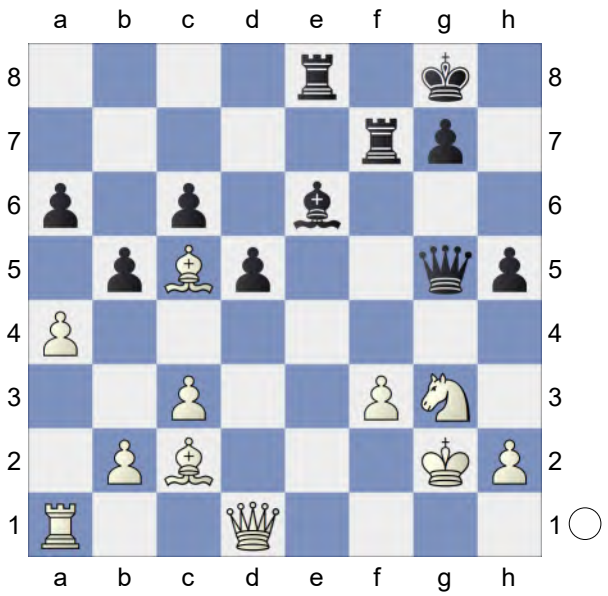
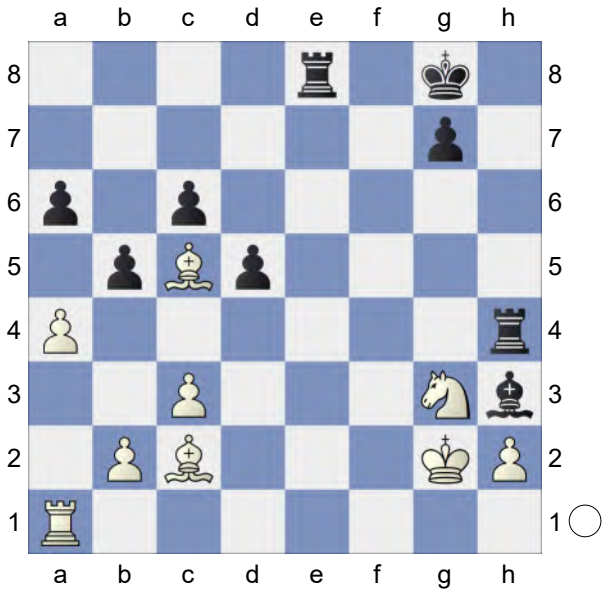


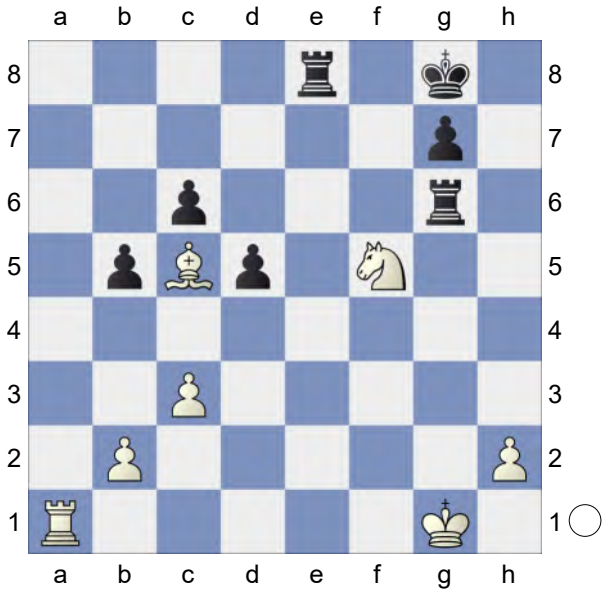
22.f4!↑ White has the initiative. Some like it hot **22...Rxf4 23.Qxh5 Qxh5 24.Nxh5 Rh4** 1.48/21
[⌓24...Rc4 0.82/20 25.Bd6 Rh4 26.axb5 *(26.Nf4 Bf7±)* 26...Rxh5 27.bxa6 Rd8]
25.Ng3! Bh3+



26.Kg1 Rh6 2.01/20
[26...bxa4± 1.32/20 keeps fighting. 27.Bxa4 *(27.Rxa4 Rxa4 28.Bxa4 Bd7±)* 27...Re6]
27.axb5+- axb5 28.Bf5 1.22/18
Against Rhe6

[White should play 28.b4+- 1.99/21]

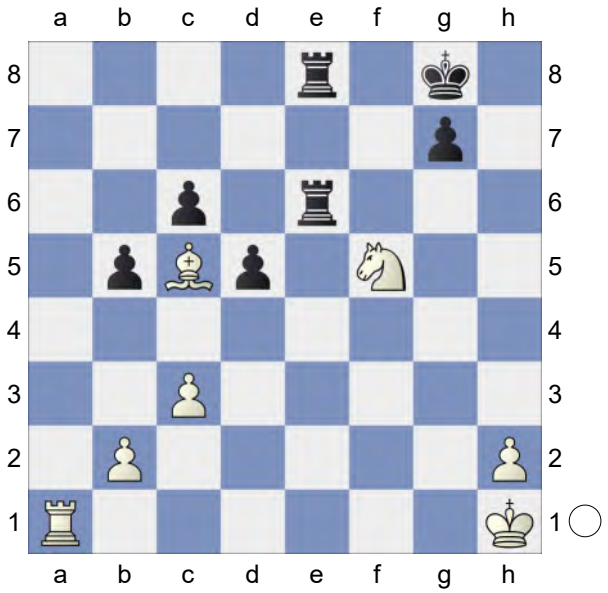
28...Bxf5± 29.Nxf5 Rg6+



30.Kh1! White is more active. A mistake that costs the game.

30...Rge6 3.69/20

[30...Kh7± 1.27/21]



Wards off Ne7+ **31.Ra7+- Re1+**

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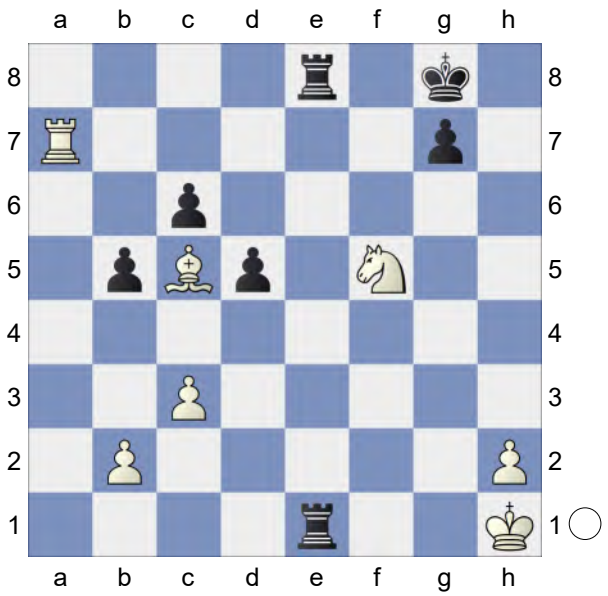


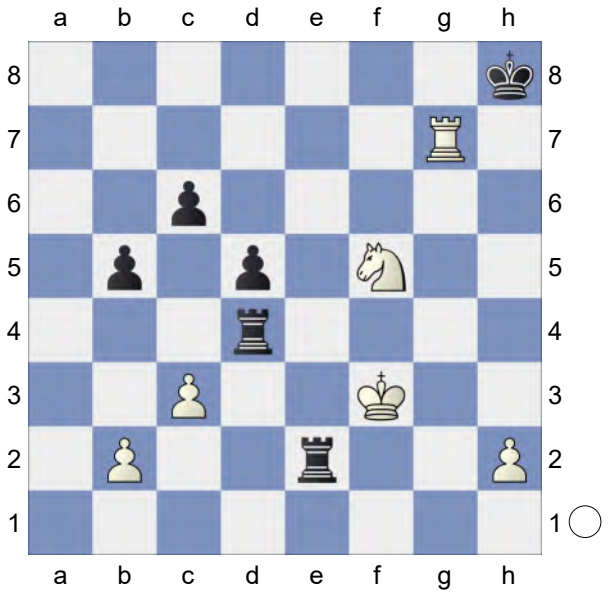
32.Kg2!

[32.Bg1 R8e5 33.Ng3 *(33.Nxg7? too greedy. Rg5-+; 33.Rxg7+ Kf8=)* 33...Rb1=]

32...R1e2+ 33.Kf3 White is clearly winning. **33...R8e4 34.Rxg7+**

[Not 34.Nxg7 Rxh2 35.Nf5 Rh3+ 36.Kf2 *(36.Kg2 Rd3±)* 36...Rh2+ 37.Kg3 Rxb2+-]

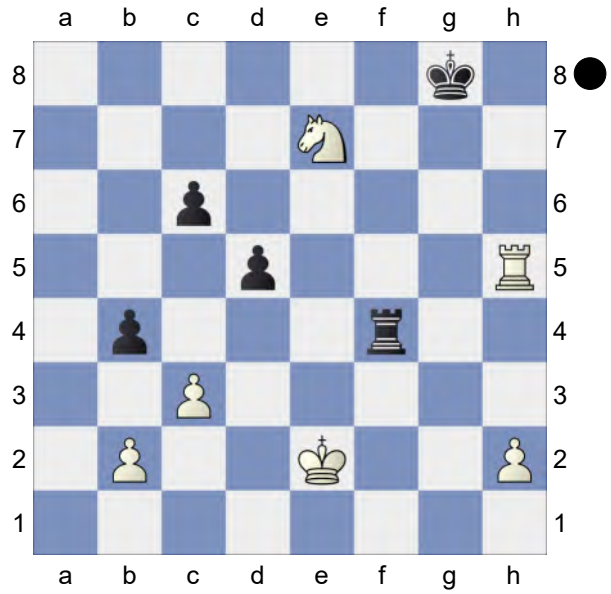
34...Kh8 35.Bd4 Deflection **35...Rxd4**



36.Kxe2 Rf4 37.Rg5 b4 38.Rh5+ Kg8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.41

39.Ne7+



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92 **C82**
□ **Koralewski,Jerzy** **2149**
■ **Fekner,Zygmunt** **2412**
corr_137544 1990
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

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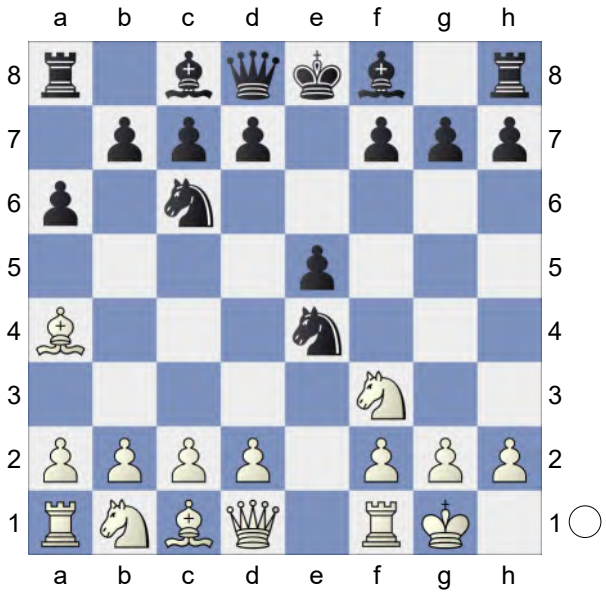

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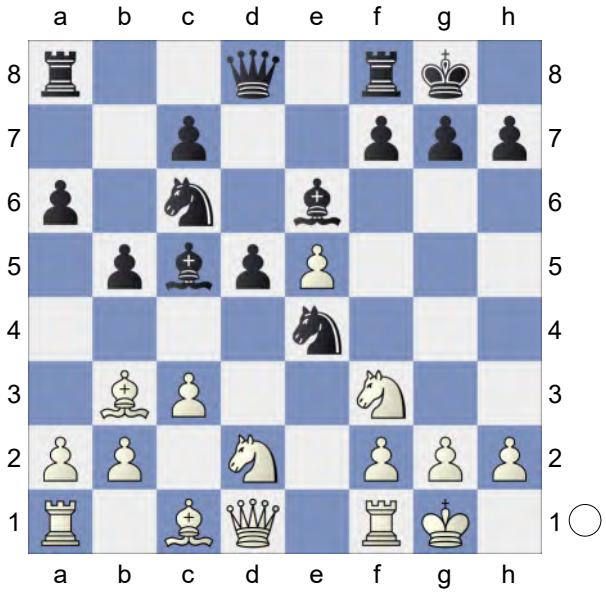

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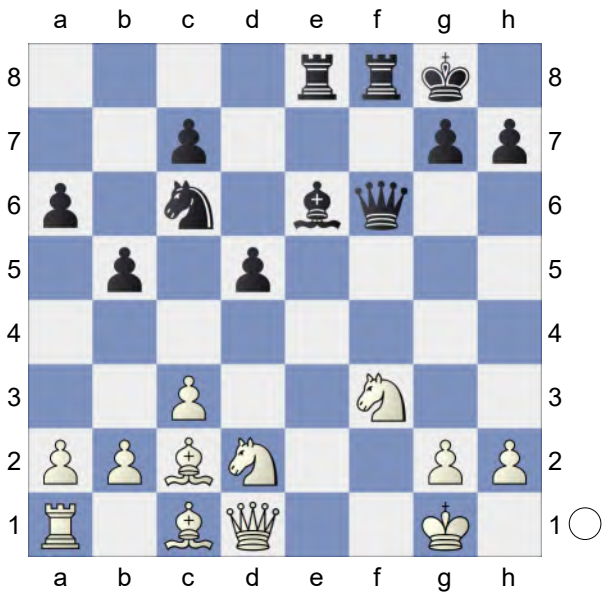
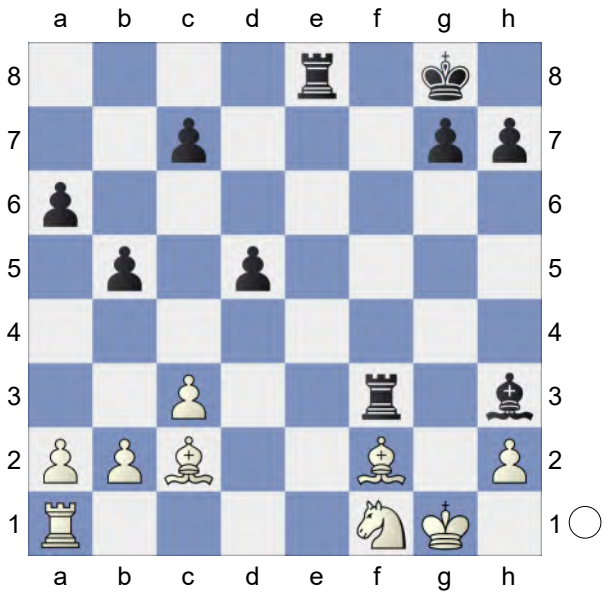


16.Nf1 Ne5 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 Bh3



21.Ng3 g6 22.Rd1 c6 The position is equal. **23.Rd2 Kg7N** 0.00/19

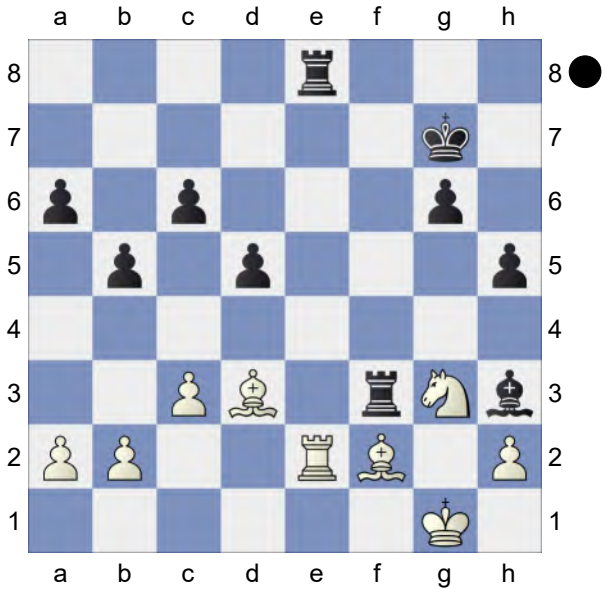
[23...Rf6∓ -0.42/19 deserves consideration.]

[23...Ref8 24.Bd3 h5 25.Bxg6 h4 26.Nh5 Re3 27.Bd3 Re5 28.Bxh4 Rxh5 29.Bg3 Kg7 30.Rf2 Re8 31.Re2 Rxe2 32.Bxe2 Rf5 33.a4 bxa4 34.Bxa6 c5 35.Bd3 Rf7 36.Bf2 a3 37.bxa3 Rf3 38.Bxc5 0-1 (49) Tauve-Schuster,A Warszawa 94/86 2005]

[23...h5 24.Bxg6 Re5 25.Rd4 Bg4 26.h4 Kg7 27.Bc2 Ree3 28.Rxg4+ hxg4 29.Nf5+ Rxf5 30.Bxf5 Re2 31.b4 Rxa2 32.Bd7 a5 33.bxa5 g3 34.Bb6 Kf6 35.Bxc6 Ke5 36.h5 Ke4 37.h6 Rd2 38.h7 1-0 Matanovic,A-Wade,R 2/257 Palma de Mallorca 1966]

24.Bd3= h5 25.Re2 -1.03/26

[25.Be2= 0.00/19 Rf4 26.Bxh5]



25...Rxe2 0.00/26

[25...Ref8!∓ -1.03/26 26.Re7+ Kg8]

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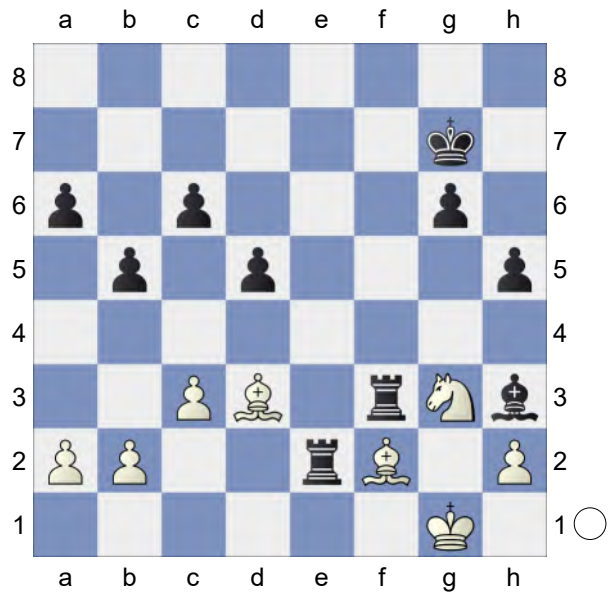


26.Bxe2 Rf7 27.Bd4+ Kh7 28.Bf1 -1.36/20

[28.Nf1= 0.00/23]

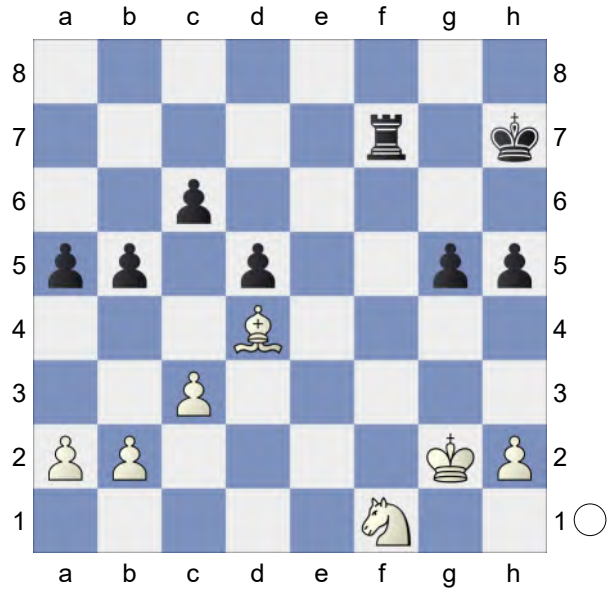
28...Bxf1∓ 29.Nxf1 a5 -0.75/23

[⌓29...g5 -1.51/21 and ...Rf3 should not be overlooked 30.Nd2 h4]

30.Kg2 -1.18/24 Against Rf3

[⌓30.Be3 -0.75/23]

30...g5

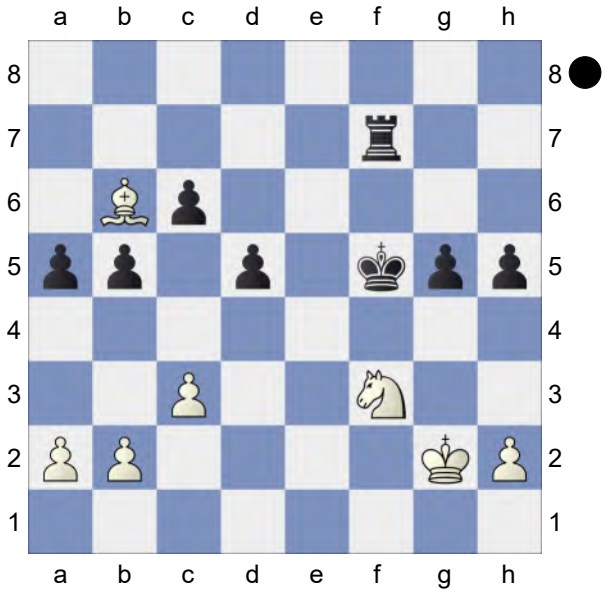


31.Nd2 -1.65/23

[31.h3∓ -1.08/20]

31...Kg6-+ 32.Nf3 and Ne5+ should not be overlooked **32...Kf5 33.Bb6** -2.14/19

[33.Bf2∓ -1.59/19]



33...a4!

[33...b4 34.h4= *(34.Bxa5 bxc3 35.Nd4+ Ke5=)*]

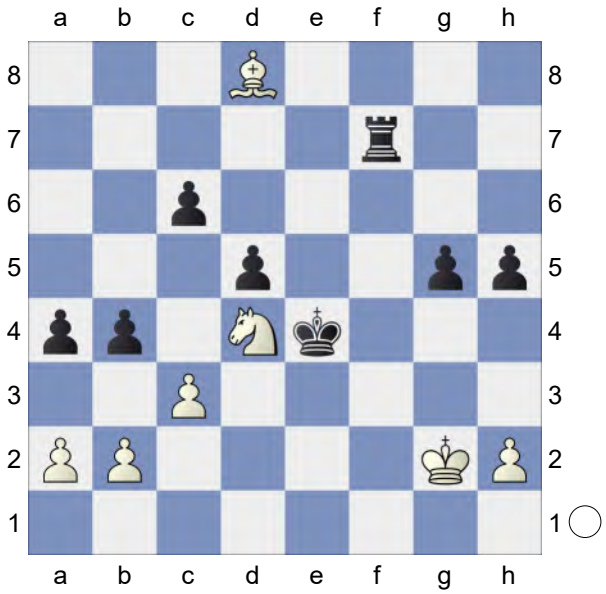
34.Nd4+ -2.59/21

[34.Bf2 -1.97/19 was called for.]

34...Ke4 35.Bd8 -4.03/20

[⌓35.Bc5 -2.68/19]

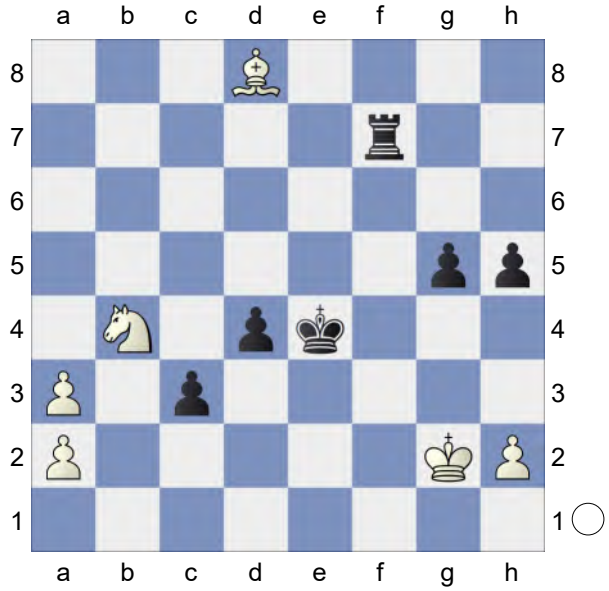
35...b4



36.Nxc6 -6.84/20

[Weaker is 36.Ne6 bxc3 37.bxc3 *(37.Nxg5+?* is the wrong capture.

Kf5-+) 37...Kf5∓]
[⌓36.a3 -4.15/18 bxc3 37.bxc3]
36...a3 Deflection. Black is clearly winning. **37.bxa3 bxc3 38.Nb4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.14 (very precise)
38...d4



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93 **C82**
□ **Barlow,John A** **2505**
■ **Burkett,Max** **0**
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
Short,N: '44/409 ' Short,N: 'Inf 44/409'
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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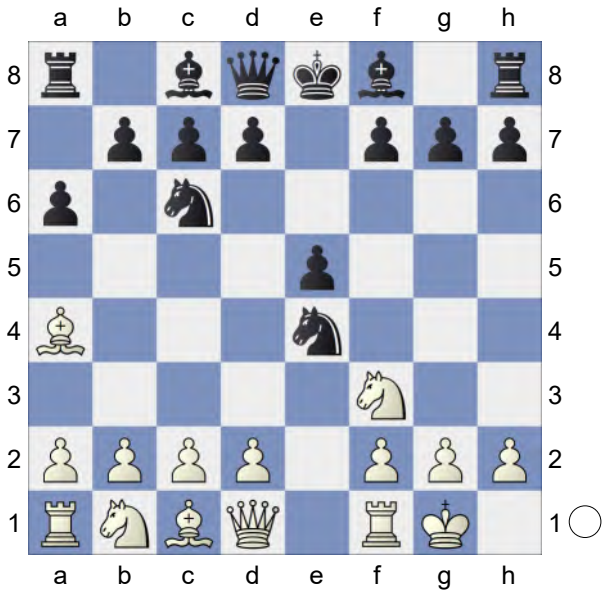

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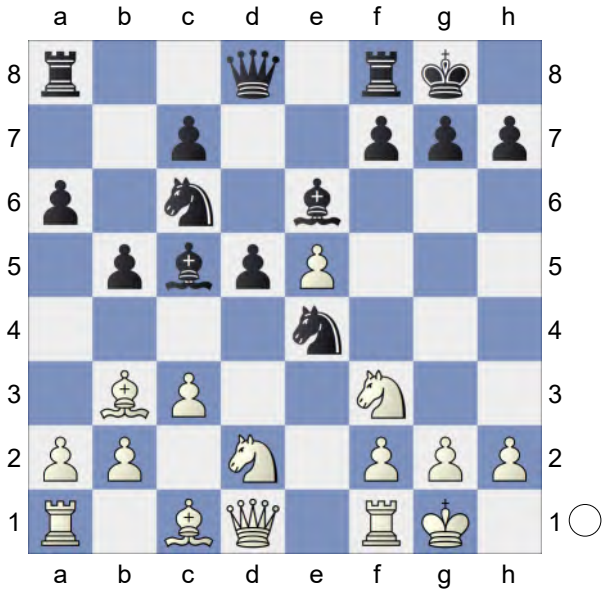
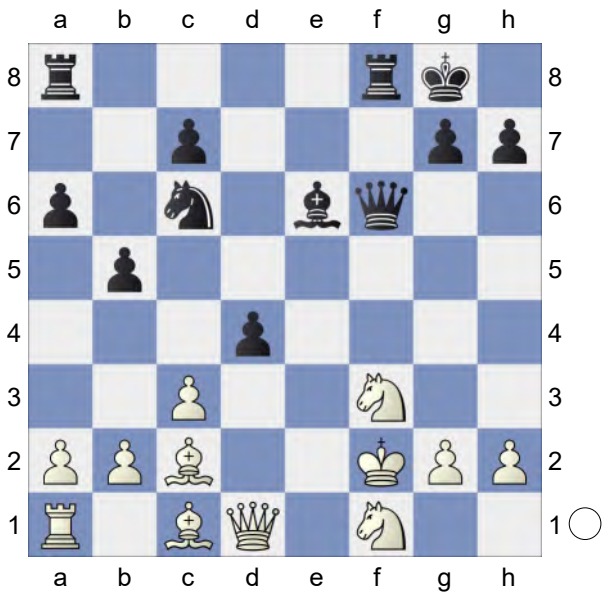


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1! d4 0.81/19
[15...Rae8± 0.40/22]

(Diagram)



Prevents Be3. **16.Kg1!± Ne5 17.cxd4 Nxf3+** White is better. **18.gxf3**
[18.Qxf3 Qxd4+ 19.Qe3 Bc4=]
18...Rad8 19.Be3 c5 20.Qd3 Qh4N
[20...g6 21.Nd2 Bh3 *(21...Rf7 22.Rf1 cxd4 23.Ne4 Qe5 24.Qd2 Bc4 25.Re1 Kh8 26.b3 Be6 27.Ng5 Re7 28.Bf4 Qd5 29.Be5+* 1-0 Hanisch,B-Roth,E EU-ch M916 corr 1990 *)* 22.Qe2 cxd4 23.Bh6 d3 24.Bb3+ Kh8 25.Qf2 Rde8 26.Be3 Rd8 27.Ne4 Qe5 28.Bd2 Rc8 29.Re1 Qh5 30.Qd4+ 1-0 Short,N (2620)-Popovic,P (2560) 44/409 Belgrad 1987]

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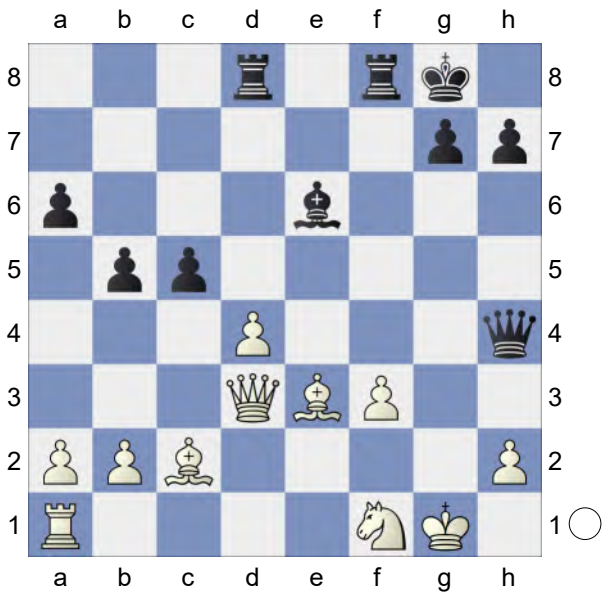

21.Nd2 Rf6 and ...Rg6+ should not be overlooked **22.Kh1** 0.60/19
[22.Bf2± 1.54/19 Qh3 23.Qe2]
22...Bd5± 23.Rf1 aiming for Ne4.
[23.dxc5 Rxf3= *(23...Bxf3+ 24.Nxf3 Rxd3 25.Nxh4+-)*]
23...cxd4 0.99/21
[23...c4± 0.60/23 24.Qe2 Rdf8]
24.Bf2
[Reject 24.Bxd4?! Qxd4 25.Qxd4 Bxf3+ 26.Nxf3 Rxd4=]
24...Qh5 25.Bxd4 Rh6 2.47/19
[25...Rf4± 1.11/19 was necessary.]

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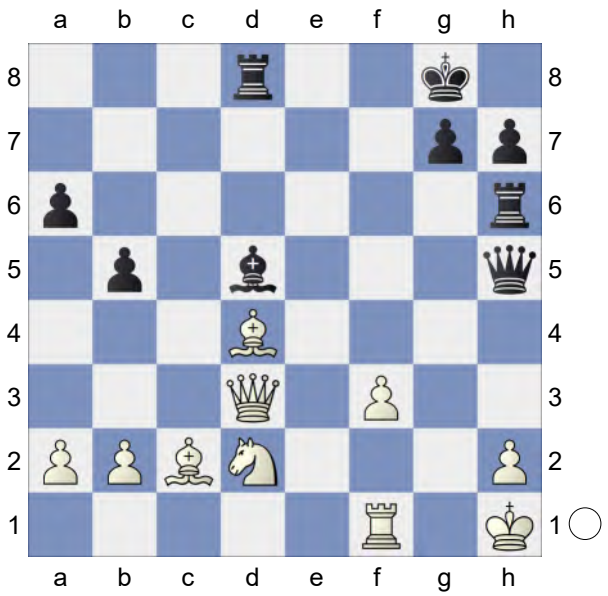
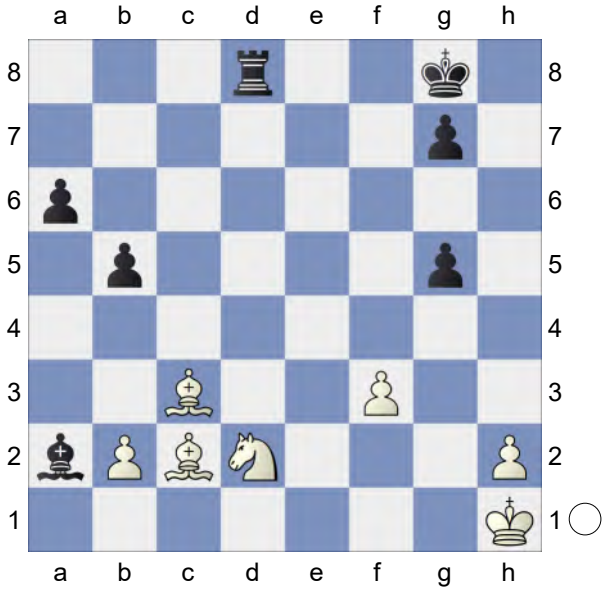


26.Rf2 Bxa2 27.Rg2 Rg6 28.Rxg6 0.76/20

[⌓28.Re2 1.30/18]

28...Qxg6 29.Qxg6 hxg6 30.Bc3

A strong pair of Bishops. **30...g5**



31.Kg2 Rb8

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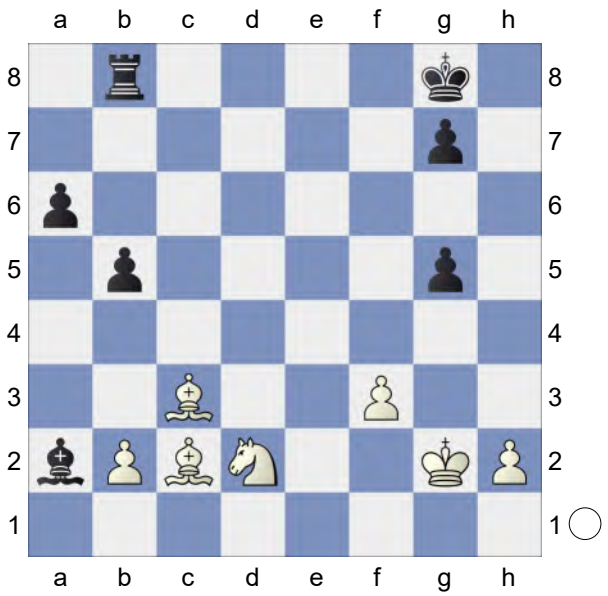


32.Ne4 0.75/22

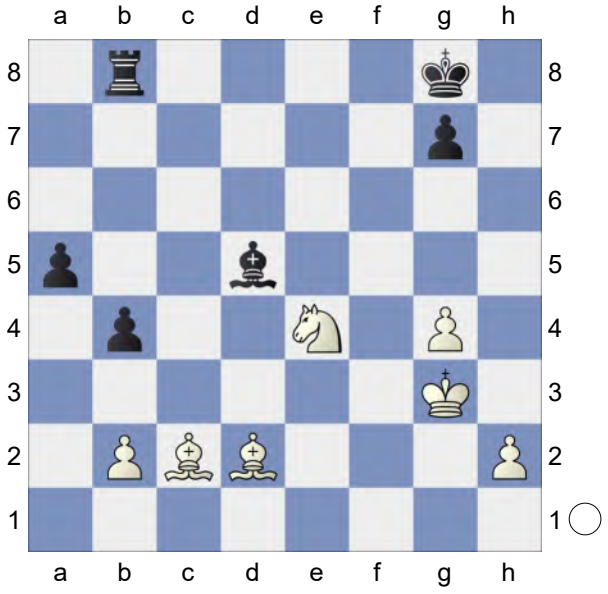
[⌓32.Ba5! 1.39/21]

32...b4± 33.Bd2 White is more active.

33...g4 34.fxg4 Bd5 1.30/23

[⌓34...Rc8 0.88/22 35.Bd3 a5]

35.Kg3 a5



36.Nc5 Wards off a4 **36...Rc8 37.Be3 Rf8**

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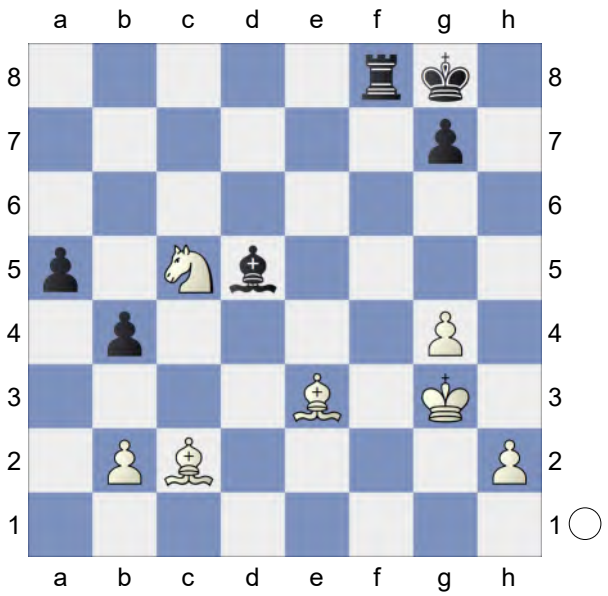
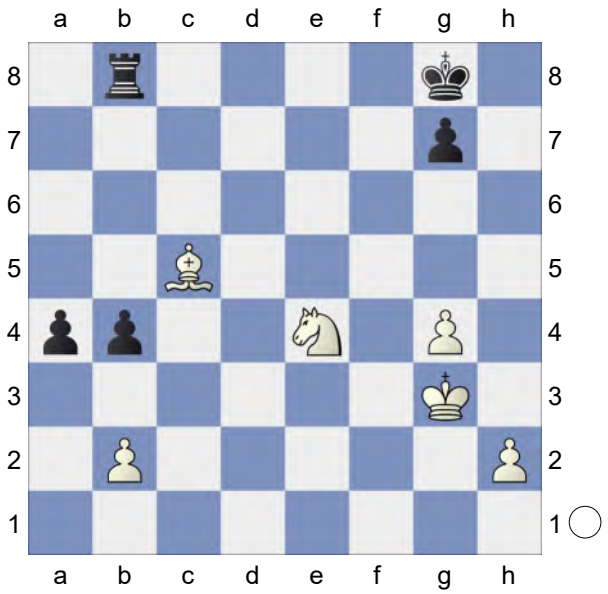


38.Be4 -0.11/20 Against Rf3+
[38.Bd1!± 1.46/23]
38...Bxe4= The position is equal.
39.Nxe4 a4 40.Bc5 Rb8



41.Nd2 Rc8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
42.Bxb4

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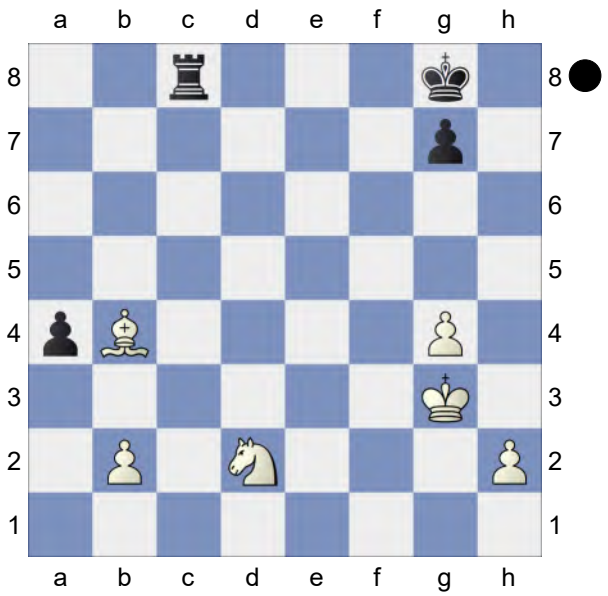

½-½

94 **C82**
□ **Leko,Peter**
■ **Jussupow,Artur**
Credit Suisse Masters (2) 04.09.1994
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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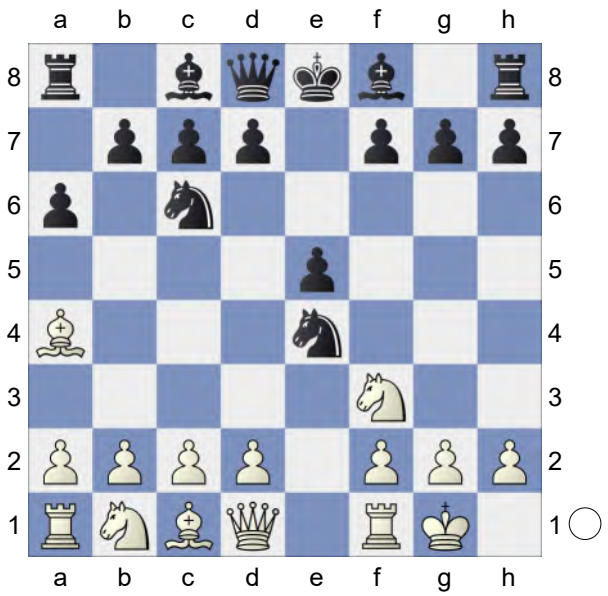
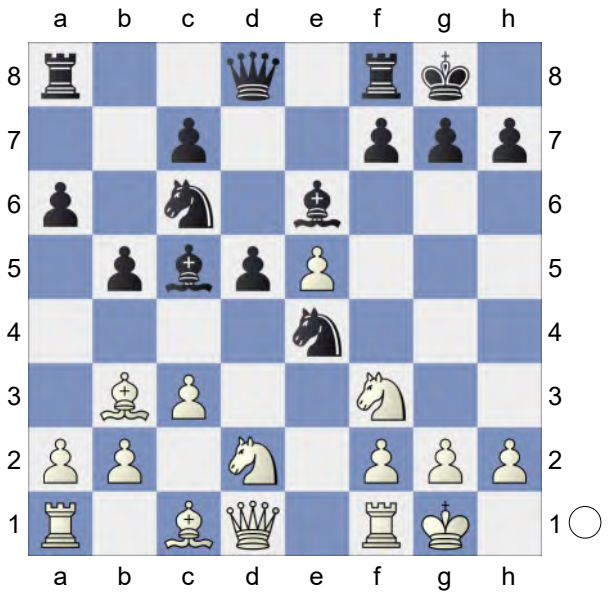


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

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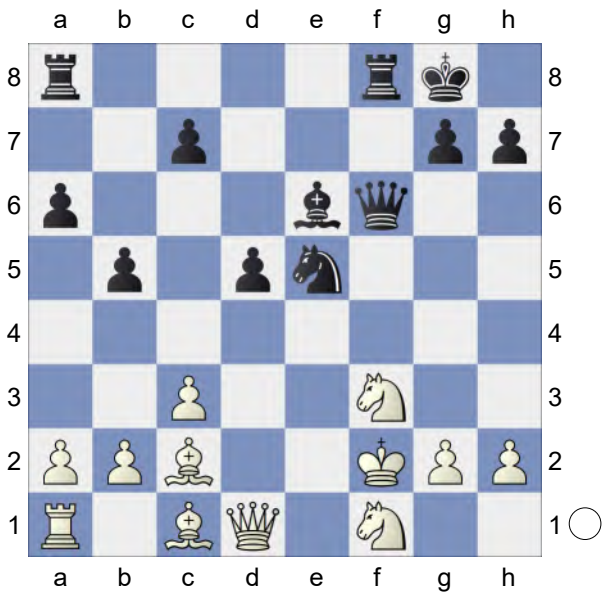
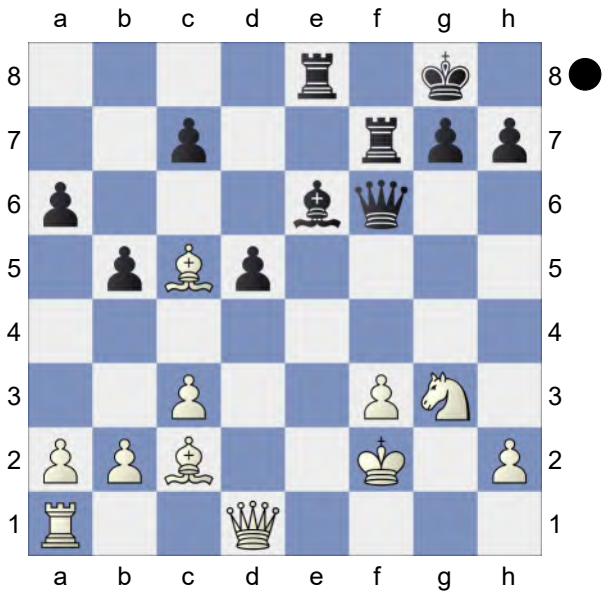


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 The position is equal. 17...Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7 19.Ng3



The board is on fire. 19...Bg4 20.Kg1 Qxf3

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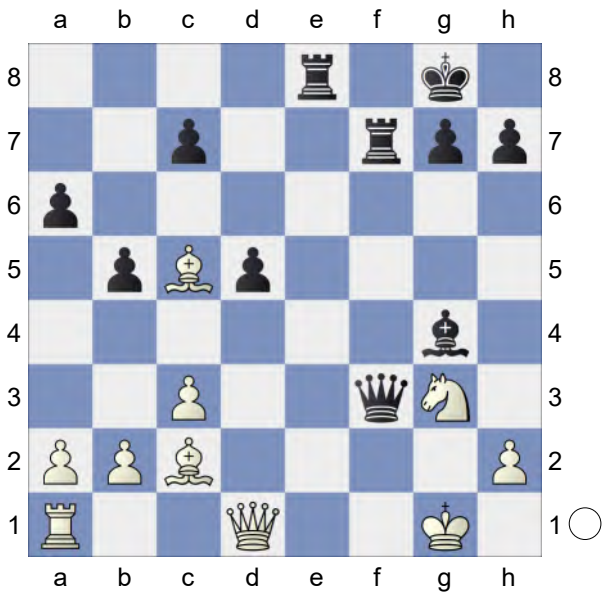
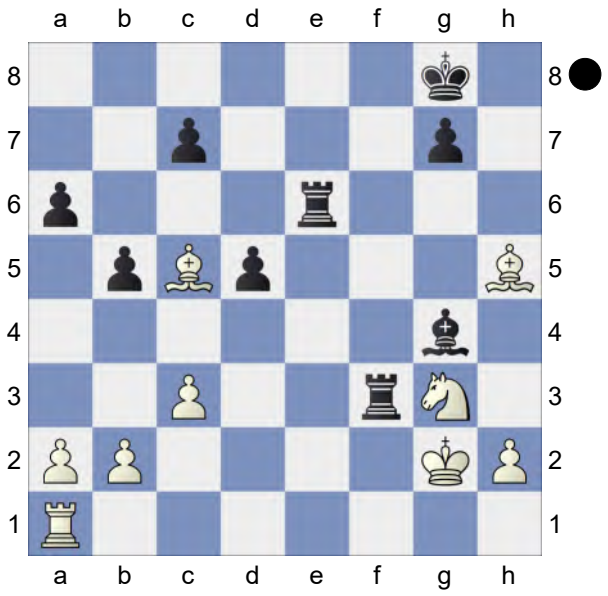


21.Qxf3 Rxf3 22.Kg2 and h3 would now be decisive 22...h5 and ...h4 would now be decisive 23.Bg6 Re6 24.Bxh5



A strong pair of Bishops. 24...Rxg3+ Remove Defender 25.Kxg3 Bxh5=

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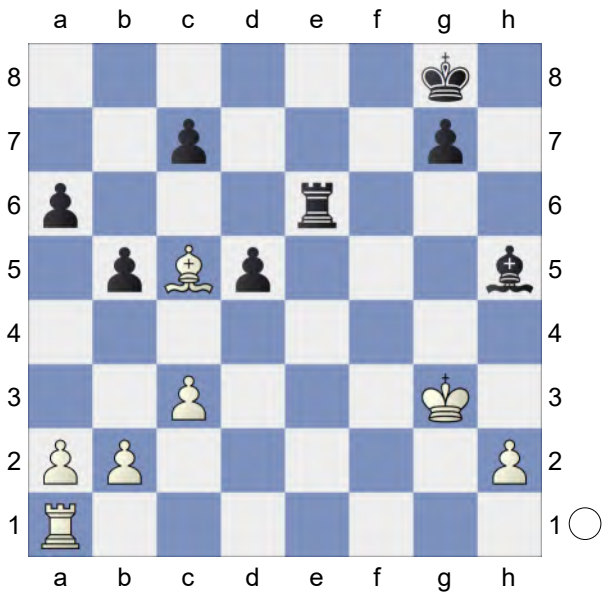
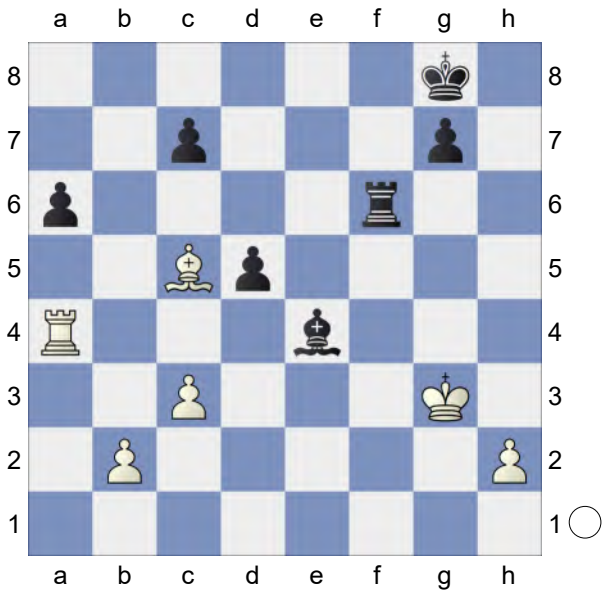


Endgame KRB-KRB. Black is a pawn up. 26.a4N Rg6+ 27.Kf2 Rf6+ 28.Kg2 bxa4 29.Rxa4 Bf3+ 30.Kg3 Be4



31.Bd4 Rg6+ 32.Kf4 Bd3 33.Ra1 Kf7 34.Rg1 Rxg1 35.Bxg1 KB-KB. Black is a pawn up. 35...a5

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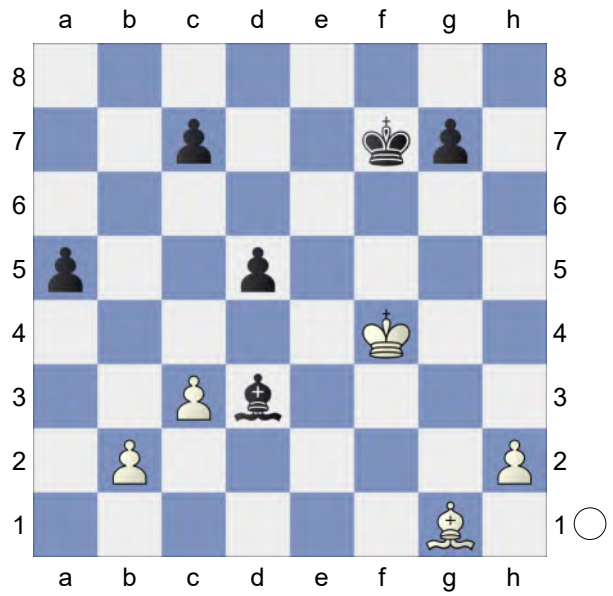
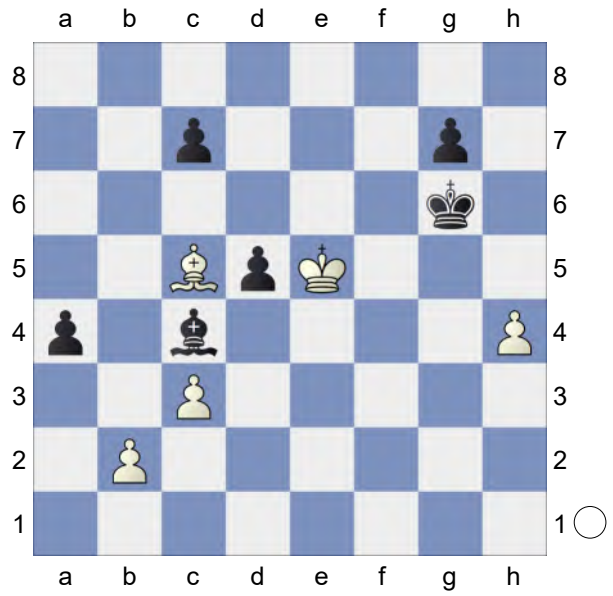


36.Ke5 Bc4 37.Bc5 Ke8 38.h4 Kf7 39.Ba3 a4 40.Bc5 Kg6



41.Bf8 Bb3 42.Be7 Bc4 43.Bf8 c6 44.Be7 Kh5 45.Kf4 Bb5

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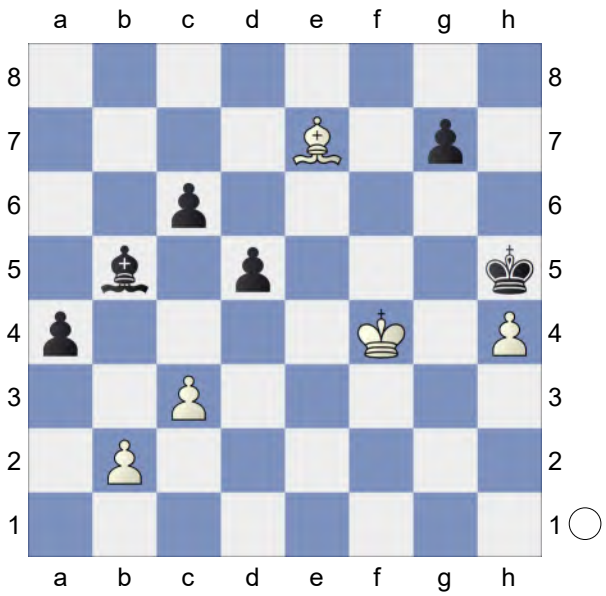
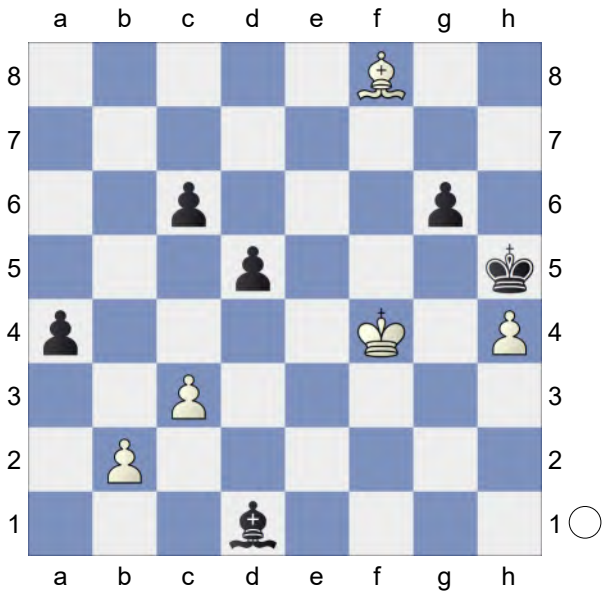


46.Bf8 Kg6 47.Ke5 Be2 48.Be7 Kh5 49.Kf4 Bd1 50.Bf8 g6



An interesting draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless)
51.Be7

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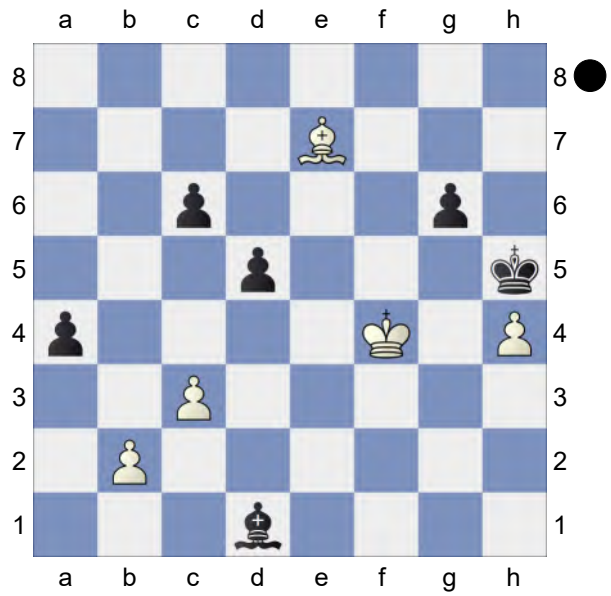

½-½

95 **C82**
□ **Zarbock,R**
■ **Cederquist,Bengt**
ICCF World Cup8-9 prel-042 1990
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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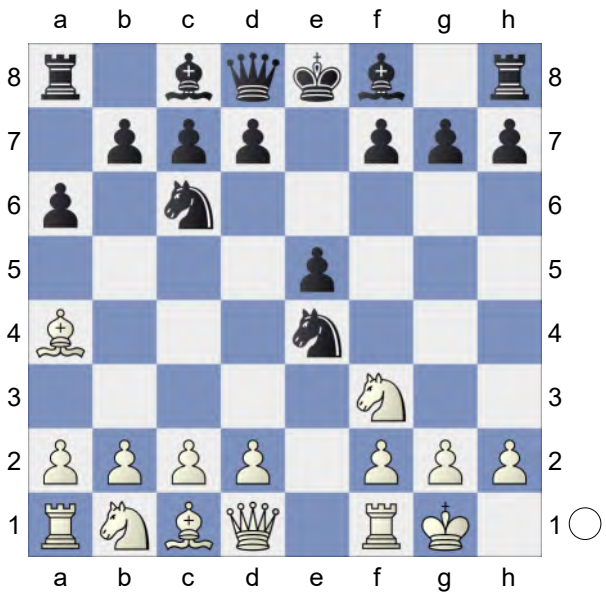
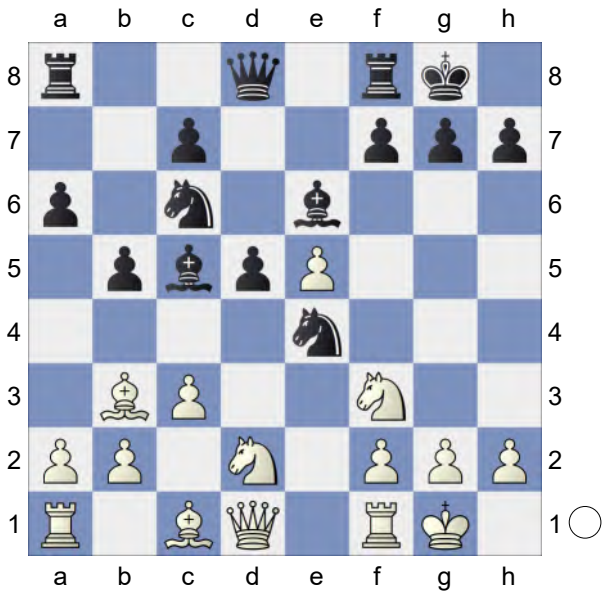


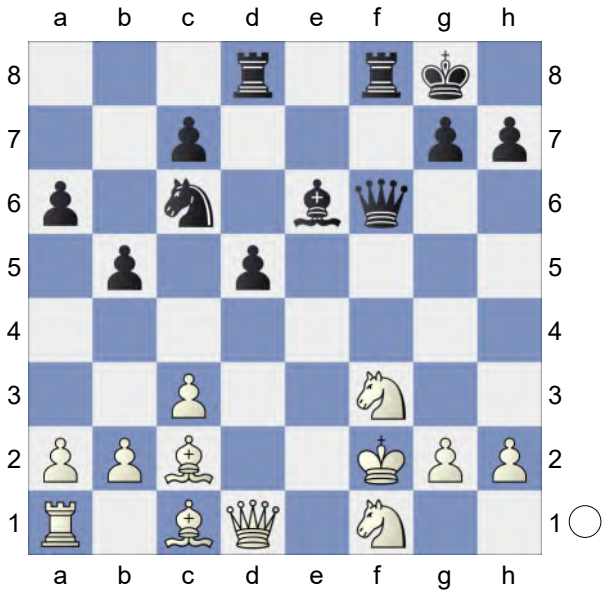
6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



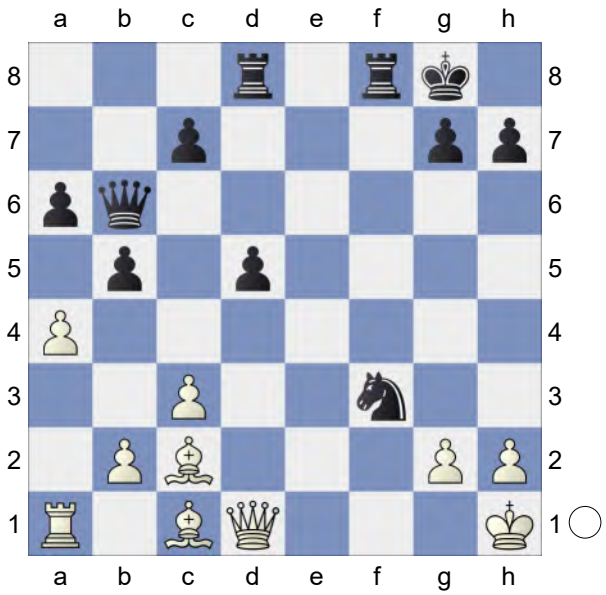
11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1! Rad8N 0.93/20

[15...Ne5= 0.20/21 16.Kg1 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Rxf3 19.Be3 *(19.Bd1 Rf7 20.Bh5 g6 21.Be2 Re8 22.Bh6 Bh3 23.Ne3 g5 24.Bh5 Rxe3 25.Bxf7+ Kxf7 26.Kf2 Re5 27.Kg3 Kg6 28.Bf8 g4 29.Kh4 Rh5+ 30.Kg3 Rf5* 0-1 9.d5 ♘g4 10.♗g5 f6 11.♗h-Guelden,R (ch) Belarus 1994 *)*

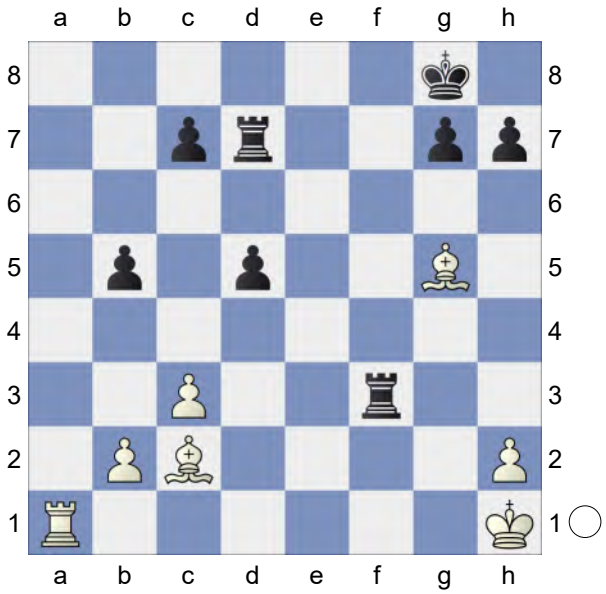
19...Bh3 20.Bd4 Re8 21.Ng3 Re6 22.b4 g6 23.a4 *(23.Rc1 h5 24.Nh1 Re2 25.Nf2 Bf5 26.Bxf5 Rxf5 27.Ra1 g5 28.a4 g4 29.axb5 axb5 30.Ra7 Re7 31.Rb7 h4 32.Nxg4 Re6 33.Kg2 c6 34.Rg7+ Kf8 35.Rh7 Re4 36.Rxh4 Rff4 37.Kg3 Ke7* 1-0 (44) Van Perlo,G-Schmidt,J Wch4 sf08 corr ICCF 1958*)* 23...h5 24.Bb3 c6 25.axb5 axb5 26.Nh1 Re4 ½-½ Cilloniz Razzeto,A (2307)-Rasmussen,E (2344) corr VWC6/pr35 2013]



16.Kg1 0.47/19
[16.Bg5? Qxg5 17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.N1xd2 d4-+]
[16.Qd3!± 0.93/20 g6 17.Qe3 *(17.Bg5? Qxg5 18.Kg1 Qf4-+)*]
16...Ne5!± 17.N1d2? -1.24/20
[17.Qe2± 0.47/19 stays ahead. Nxf3+ 18.gxf3]
17...Bg4∓ Black is better. **18.a4** -2.37/20
[18.h3∓ -1.37/20 Qb6+ *(18...Bxf3 19.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3=)* 19.Kh1]
18...Qb6+-+ 19.Kh1 Bxf3? 0.40/18
[19...Nxf3-+ -2.37/21 20.Nxf3 Qf2]
20.Nxf3±
[20.gxf3 Qf6=]
20...Nxf3 1.80/20
[Black should try 20...Ng4!± 0.49/19 21.Qd4 Rde8]



21.gxf3+- Qf2 and ...Rfe8 would now be decisive **22.Bg5↑** Keeping Black busy. This pair of bishops is nice. **22...Rd7 23.Qd3! Qxf3+ 24.Qxf3 Rxf3 25.axb5 axb5**



26.Ra8+ Rf8

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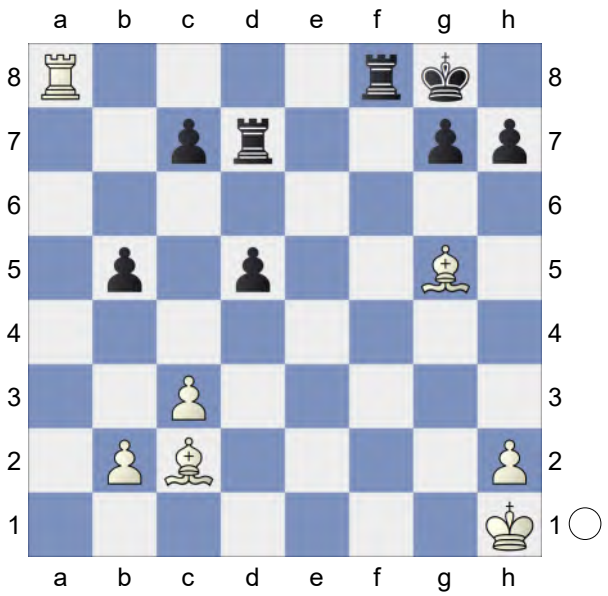
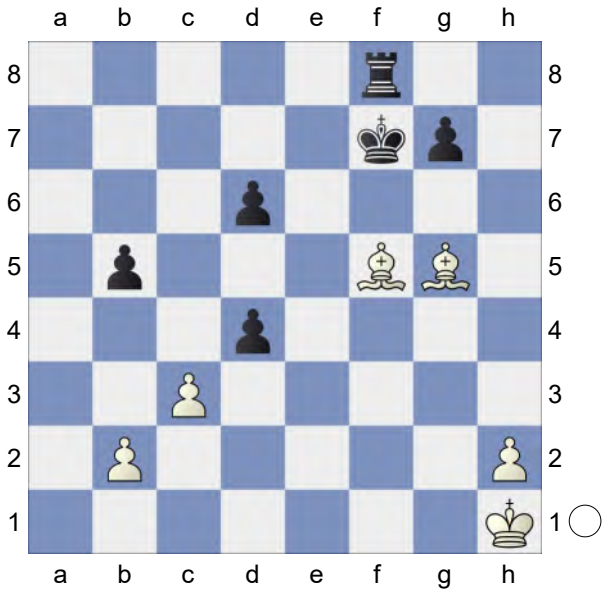


27.Bxh7+! Deflection **27...Kf7 28.Ra6 d4 29.Bf5** 1.20/18
[29.cxd4+- 2.24/21 Rc6 would now be deadly. Rxd4 30.Bg6+ Kg8 31.Ra7]
29...Rd6± 30.Rxd6 Remove Defender
30...cxd6



31.cxd4 White is more active. **31...Ra8 32.Be4** 0.82/21
[⌓32.Kg2 1.37/23]
32...Ra1+ 33.Kg2 Ke6

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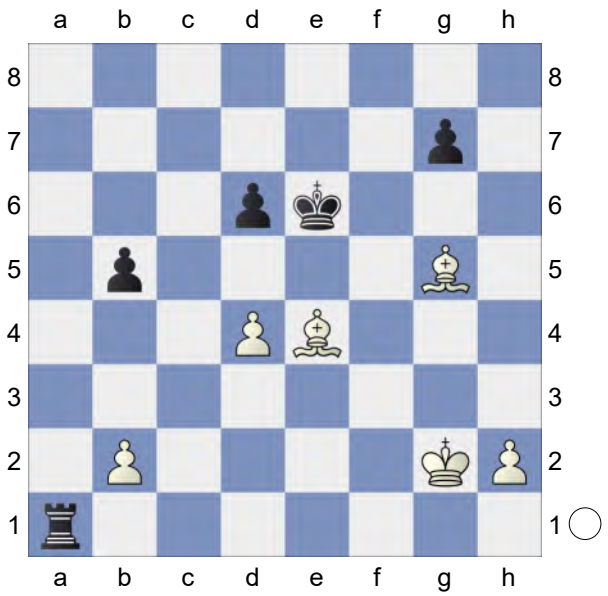
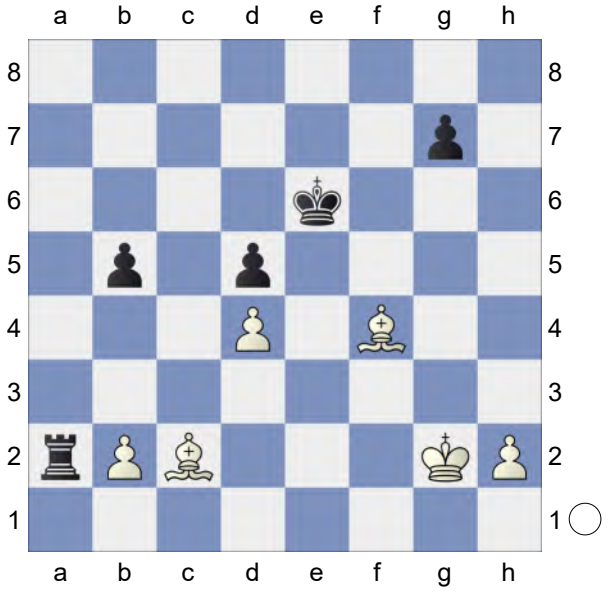


34.Bf4? 0.10/20
[White should try 34.Kf3!+- 1.62/19]
34...d5!= The position is equal. **35.Bc2**
[35.Bh7!? Kf7□ 36.h4=]
35...Ra2



36.Bc1 Ra1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.27 (precise)
37.Bd2

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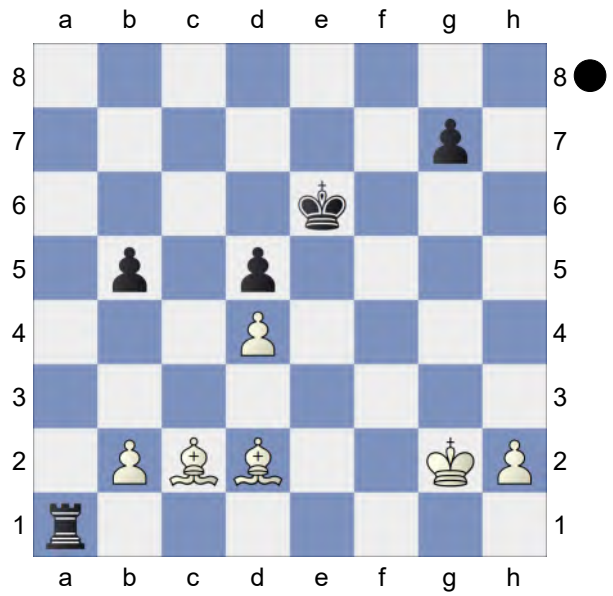

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96 **C82**

□ **Polgar**

■ **Readers**

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[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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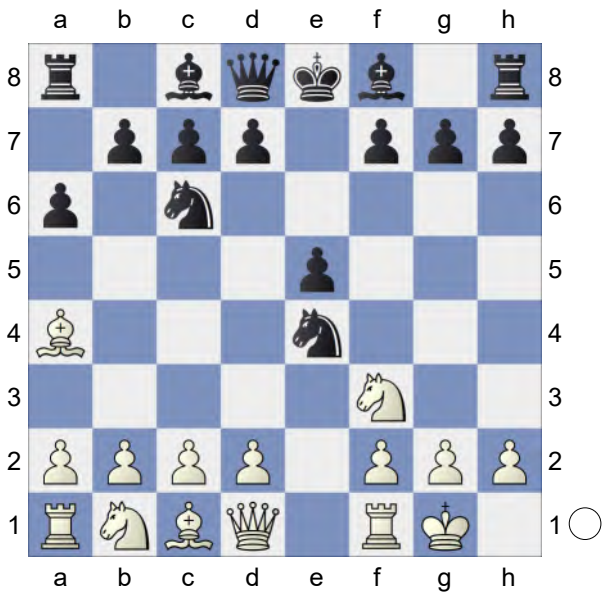
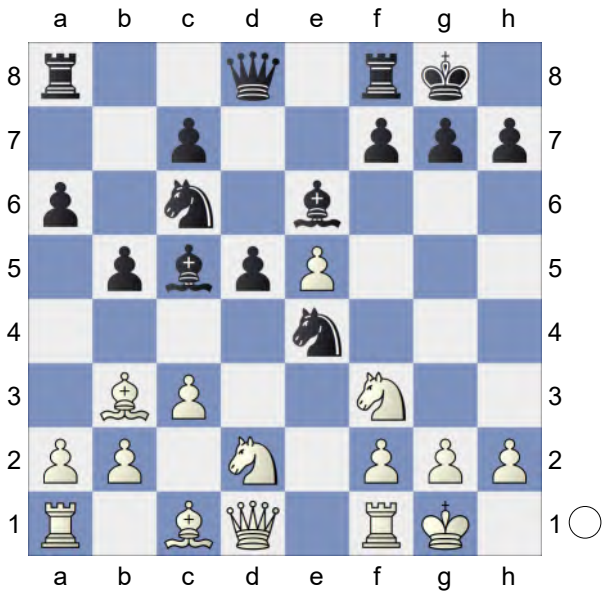


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

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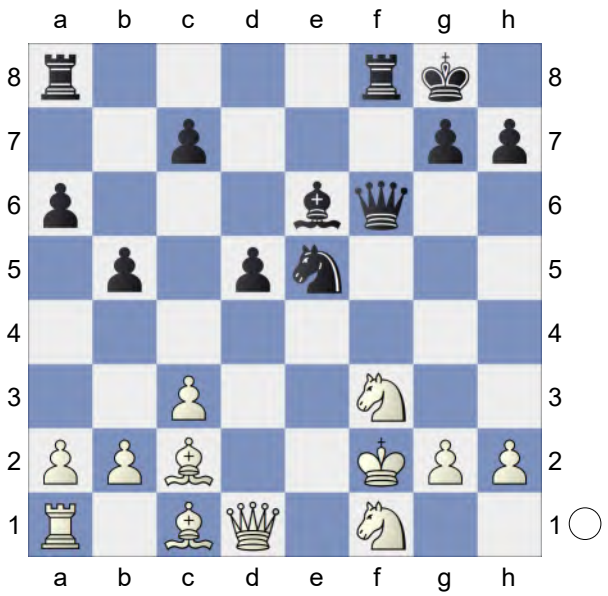
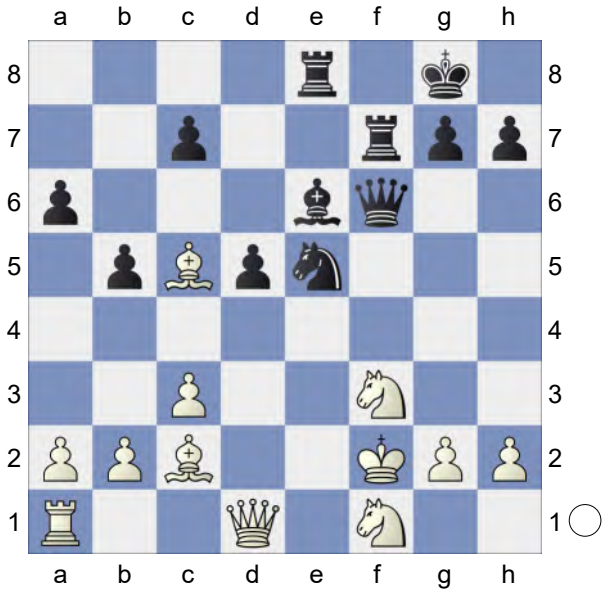


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5 Rf7



18.N1d2 Bg4 Strongly threatening ... Qg5. **19.Kg1 Nxf3+** White is slightly better. **20.Nxf3 Bxf3**

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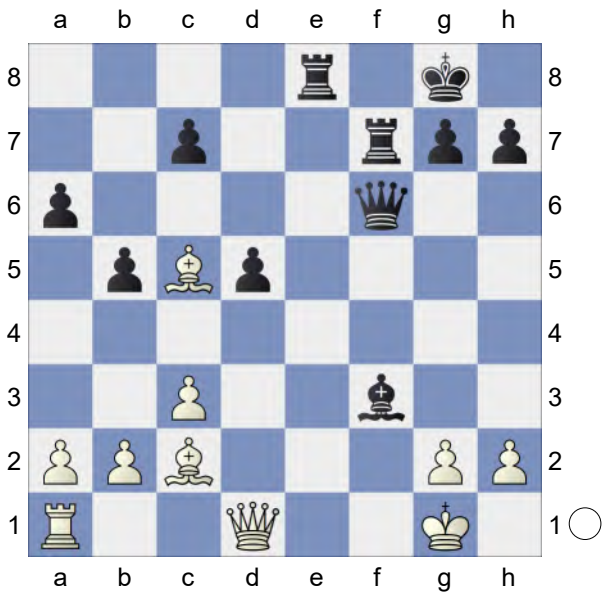
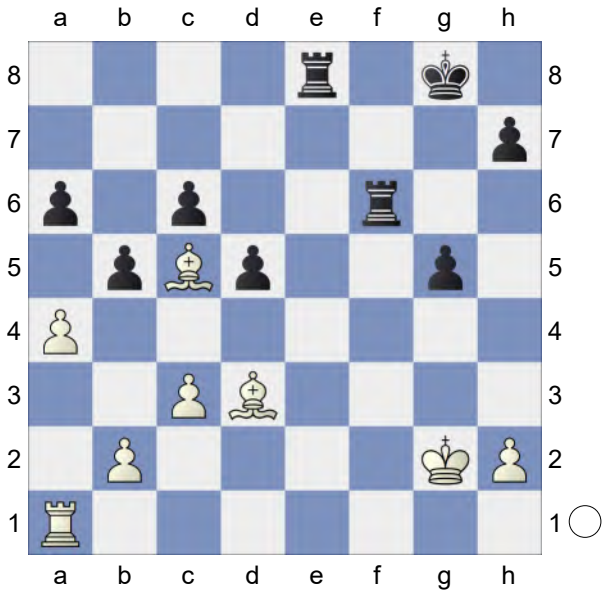


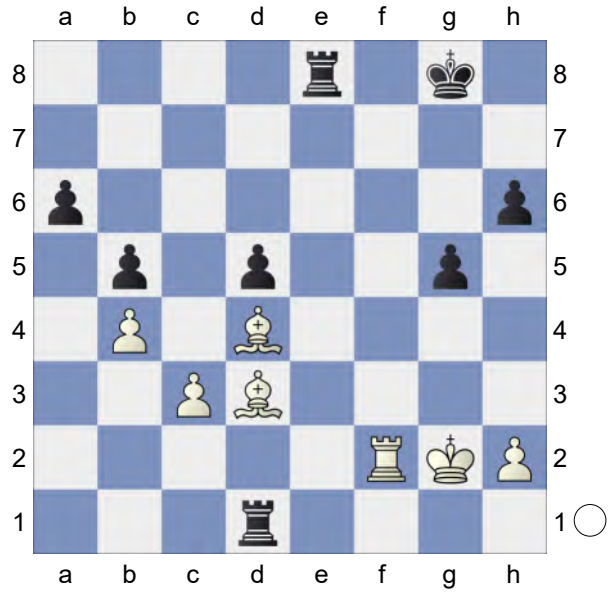
21.gxf3→ White has strong attack.
[But not 21.Qxf3 Qc6 22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.Qxf7 Qxc5+ 24.Kh1 Re5=]
21...Qxf3 22.Qxf3 Rxf3 23.Kg2 Rf6N
[23...Rf4 24.Bd3 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]
24.Bd3 Inhibits Re2+. White has strong compensation. A strong pair of Bishops.
24...c6 1.78/18
[24...Rfe6± 1.09/20]
25.a4+- g5



26.axb5 cxb5 27.Bd4 Rfe6 2.80/18

[27...Rf4 1.79/18 28.Bf1 *(28.Rxa6 Rg4+ 29.Kf2 Rf4+ 30.Kg2 Rg4+ 31.Kf1 Rf4+ 32.Kg2=)* 28...h5]

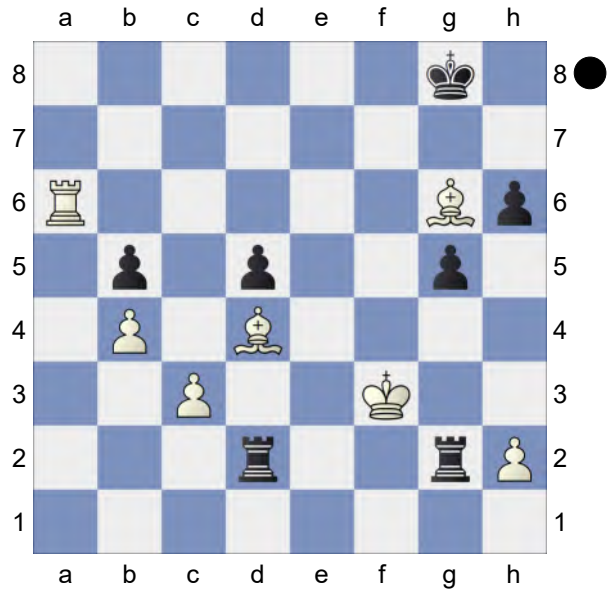
28.Rf1 h6 29.b4 Re1 30.Rf2 Rd1



31.Bg6 Re7 32.Rf6 Rd2+? 4.03/22

[32...Re2+ 2.44/18 33.Kf3 Rxh2]

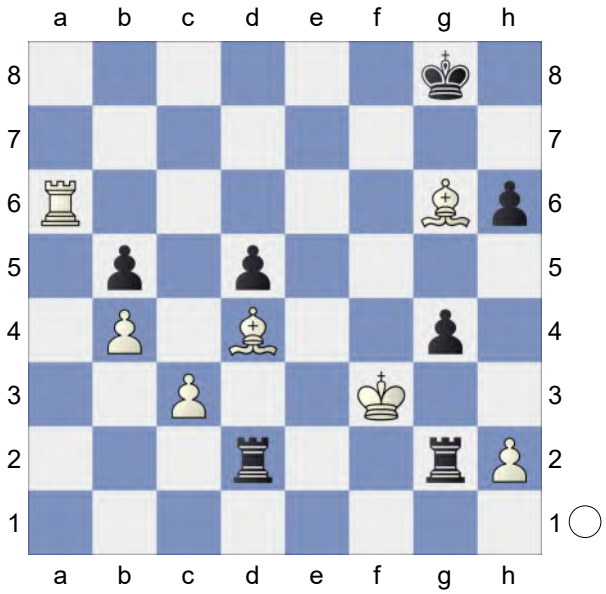
33.Kg3 Ree2 34.Rxa6 Rg2+ 35.Kf3



g4+ 5.47/18

[35...Kf8 3.78/18 might work better. 36.h3 *(36.Re6 g4+ 37.Kf4 Rxd4+ 38.cxd4 Rxh2+-)* 36...Rxd4]

(Diagram)



36.Kf4 White is clearly winning.

36...Rxd4+ 37.cxd4 Kg7 White took control after the opening.

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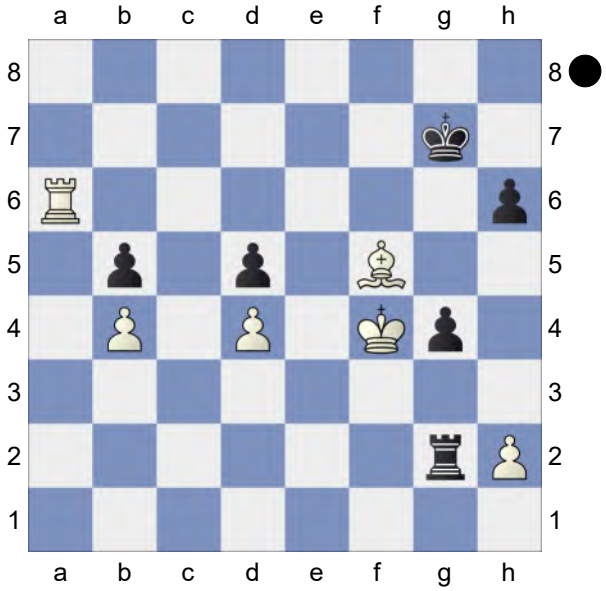
38.Bf5



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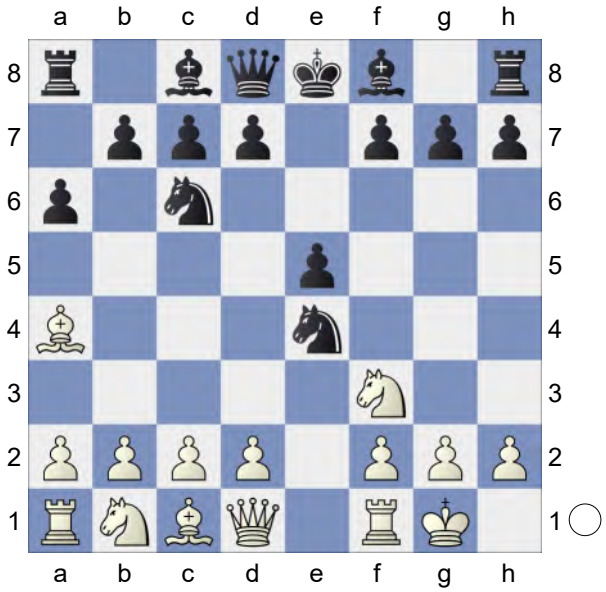
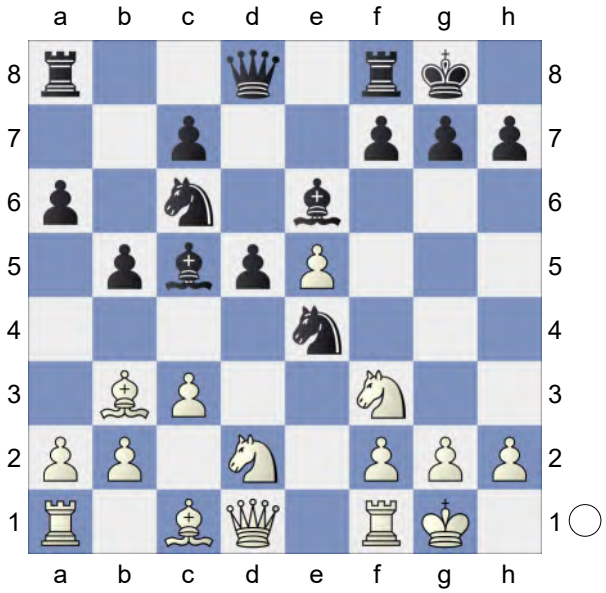
97 **C82**
□ **Jobava,A V/Artamonovb A**
■ **Sevastyanov,Vladimir V**
corr 1kc/6 1989
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

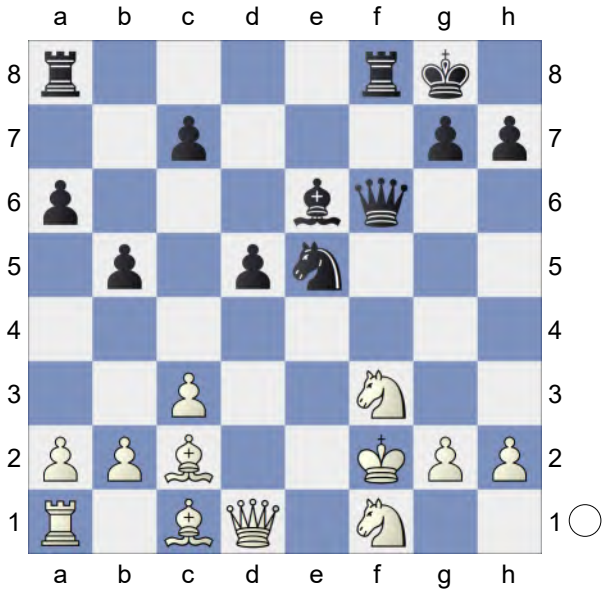
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5



16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bd4 -0.35/22
[Better is 17.Bc5= 0.18/20 Nxf3 18.gxf3]
17...Bg4∓ 18.N1d2! Qh4+ 19.Kg1 Nxf3+ White is slightly better. **20.Nxf3**
[20.gxf3 Bh3 21.Nf1 Qg5+ 22.Ng3 g6 23.Kh1 h5 24.Qd3 Re6 25.Rg1 Kh7 26.Bc5 Rf7 27.Ne2 Qf5 28.Qxf5 Bxf5 29.Nd4 Bxc2 30.Nxe6 Rf6 31.Ng5+ Kg8 32.Re1 Rf5 33.Re8+ Kg7 34.Bd4+ Kh6 0-1 (35) Apicella,M (2508)-Gurevich,M (2688) Clichy 2001 (7)]
20...Qh5

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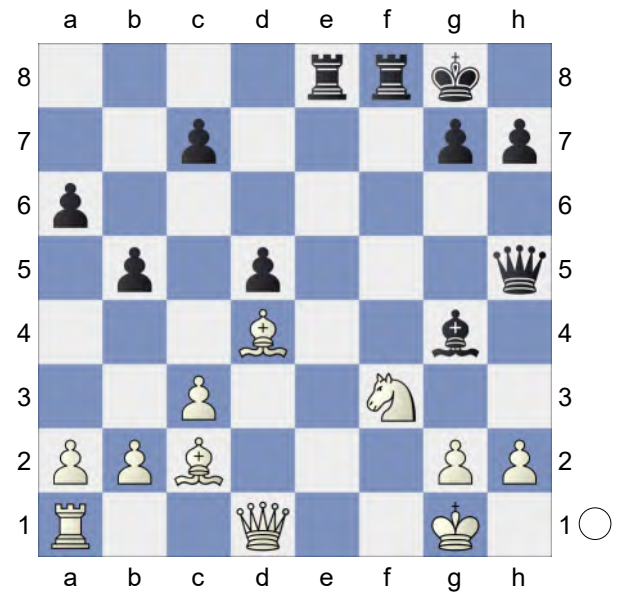


21.Bf2N

[21.Qd2 is more complex. Bxf3 22.gxf3 Rxf3 *(22...Qxf3 23.Qd3 Qg4+ 24.Kh1 g6 25.Rg1 Qh5 26.Bd1 Qf5 27.Qxf5 Rxf5 28.h4 Re4 29.Kh2 c5 30.Bxc5 Rxh4+ 31.Kg3 Rc4 32.Be3 h5* Chess Informant Eco Chess Informant ECO C5 2006 *)* 23.Bd3]

[21.Qd3 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Rxf3 23.Qd2 c5 24.Bxc5 Re5 25.Kh1 Rf6 26.Bd1 Rf1+ 27.Bg1 Rg5 1-0 Drljevic,L (2184) - Ratkovic,P (2099) Arandjelovac op 2023 (3)]

21...Bxf3 22.gxf3 Rxf3 Threatens to win with ...Qg5+. **23.Kh1 Re5** 0.68/22

[23...c6= 0.00/22]

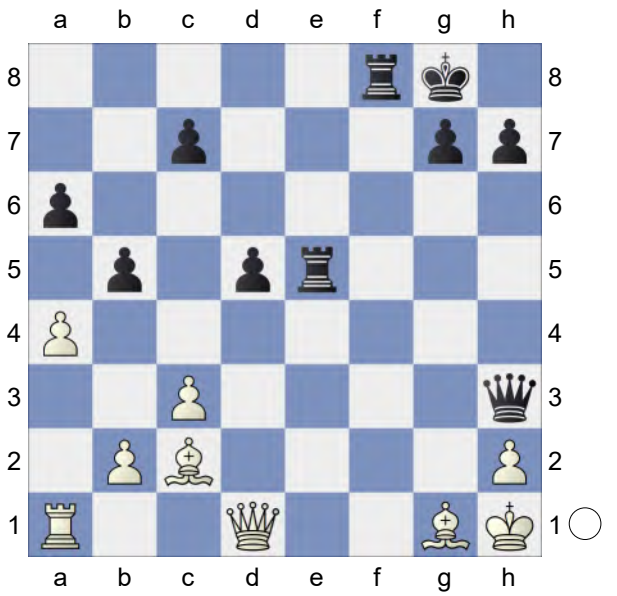
24.Bg1 0.00/21

[24.Bd4± 0.68/22 Re6 25.Bd3]

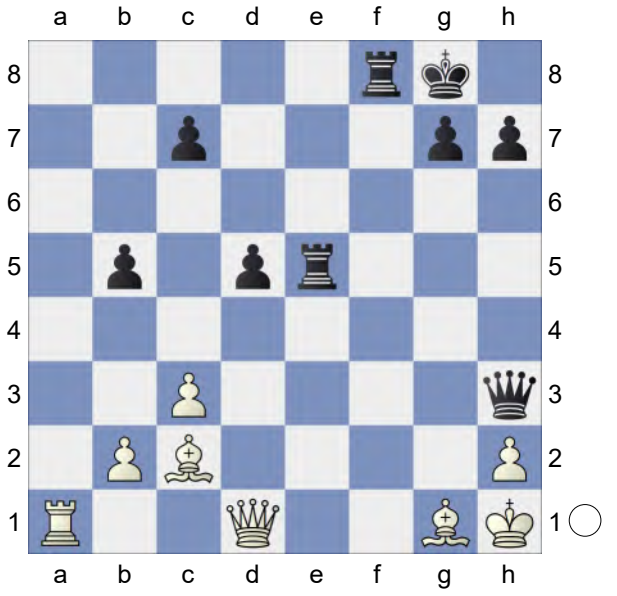
24...Qh3= 25.a4 Rf8 1.06/23

[25...bxa4= 0.00/21 26.Qd4 Rf8 *(26...Rg5 27.Qd2∓)*]

(Diagram)



26.axb5± axb5



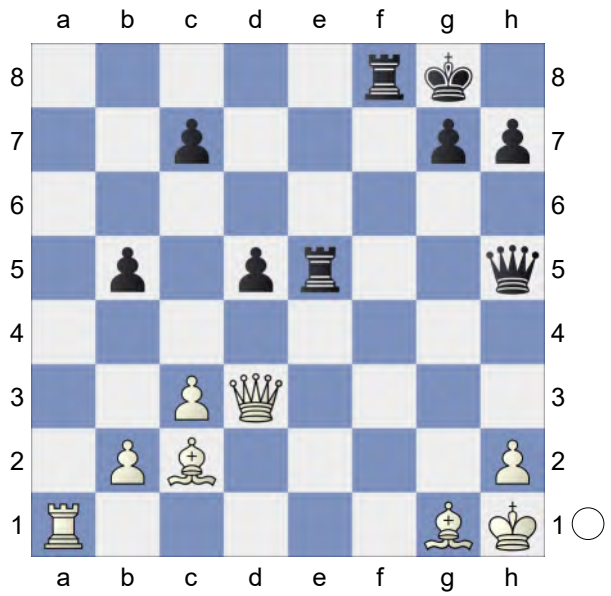
27.Qd3 0.09/21

[27.Bd4!± 1.22/22 Ree8 28.Bc5 Qf3+ *(28...Rf7? 29.Qxd5 Qf3+ 30.Qxf3+-)* 29.Qxf3 Rxf3 30.Ra7]

27...Qh5 1.10/19

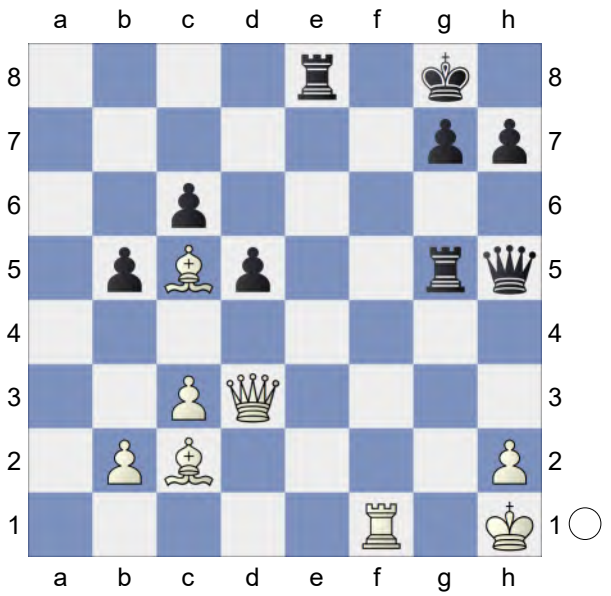
[27...Rf3!= 0.09/21 28.Ra8+ *(28.Qxb5 Rxc3 29.Rf1 Rf3∓)* 28...Kf7 29.Qxh7 *(29.Qxb5? Rf1-+)* 29...Qxh7 30.Bxh7 Re2]

(Diagram)

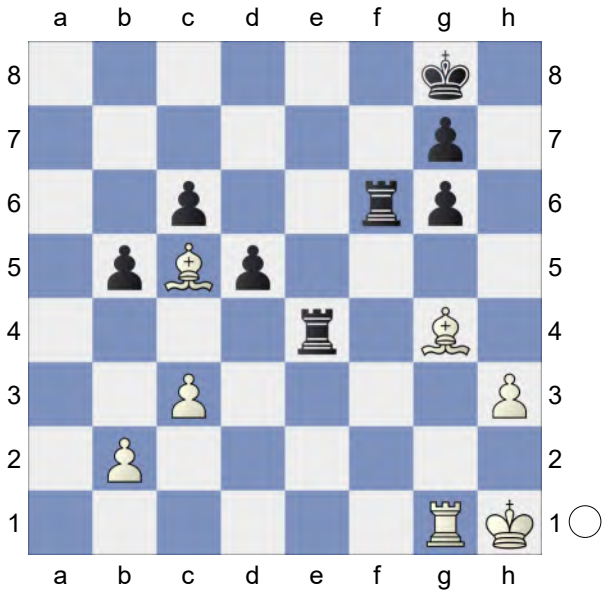


28.Bd4 0.43/21
[28.Qxb5? Qf3#]
[28.Bc5!± 1.10/19 Black must now prevent Qxh7+!. Rfe8 29.Bf2]
28...Rg5 1.15/21
[28...Re2± 0.43/21 29.Bg1 Re5]
29.Bc5 0.31/21 White is more active.
[29.Qd1± 1.15/21]
29...Re8 1.33/18
[29...Qg4!± 0.31/21 30.Qg3 *(30.Qxh7+? Kf7-+)* 30...Qh5]
30.Rf1! The board is on fire. **30...c6?** 3.43/23
[30...g6± 1.32/20]

(Diagram)



Black is weak on the dark squares
31.Bd1 1.81/20 This pair of bishops is nice.
[⌓31.Qe3 3.43/23 Rge5 *(31...d4? 32.Bb3+ Rd5 33.Qe6+ Kh8 34.Bxd5+-)* 32.Qf2]
31...Qg6+- 32.Qxg6 hxg6 33.h3 Rf5 34.Rg1 White has strong compensation.
34...Rf6 2.25/19
[34...Rf4± 1.15/16]
35.Bg4 Re4

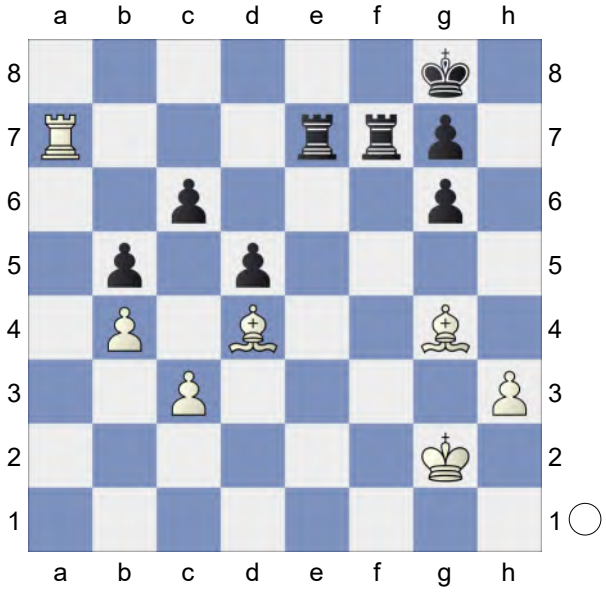


36.b4 Kh7 37.Bd4 Rf7 38.Kg2 Kg8 39.Ra1 Re8 40.Ra7 1.44/17

[40.Ra6+- 3.13/20 and White stays clearly on top.]

40...Ree7? 4.37/19

[40...Rxa7± 1.44/17 might work better. 41.Bxa7 Kh7]



41.Rxe7 Rxe7 42.Bc5 Rb7 4.57/23

[⌓42...Re4 3.09/18 43.Bd7 Rc4 *(43...Re2+? 44.Kf3+-)* 44.Bxc6 Rxc3 45.Bxd5+ *(45.Bxb5 Kf7+-)* 45...Kh7]

43.Be6+ Kh8 5.26/19

[⌓43...Kh7 3.39/21 44.Kf3 g5]

44.Kf3 Kh7

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45.Kf4

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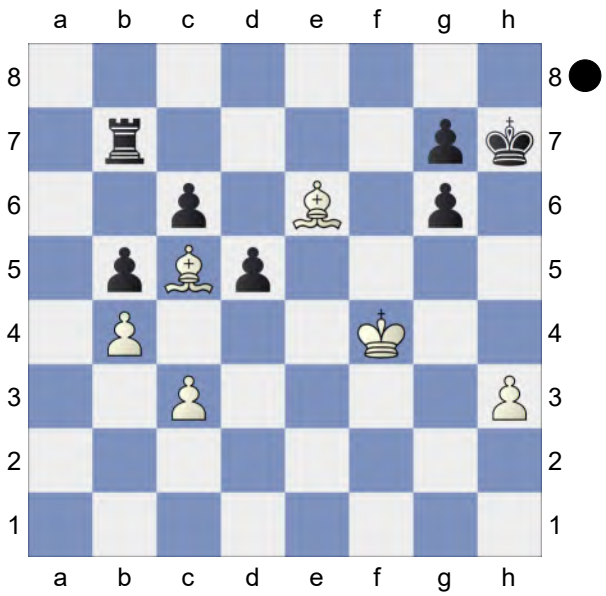

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98 **C82**

□ **Hinz,Horst**

■ **Friedrich,Gerd**

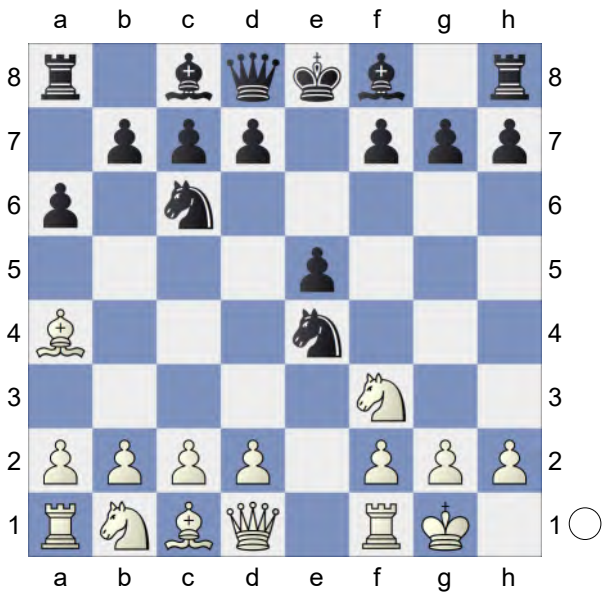
DDR corr 1988

[Kitty Kat]

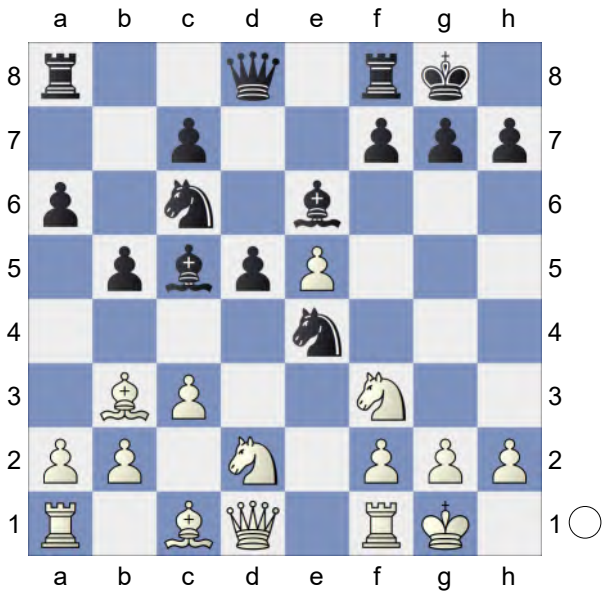
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

(Diagram)



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5

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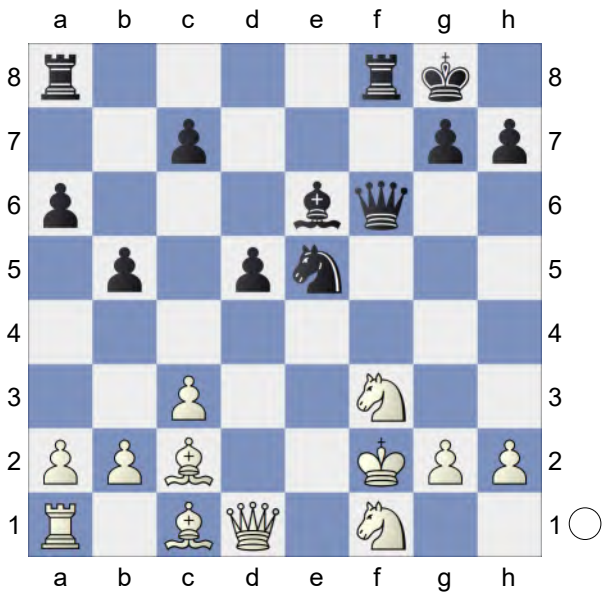


16.Be3!

[Don't blunder 16.Bg5? Qxg5 17.Qc1 Rf4-+ *(17...Nxf3? 18.Qxg5 Nxg5+ 19.Kg1-+)*]

16...Nxf3

[16...Rae8!?]

17.gxf3 b4N 1.01/19

[17...Qh4+ 18.Kg1 c6 19.Bc5 Rf7 20.Qe2 Bd7 21.Re1 Rxf3 22.Qxf3 Qxe1 23.Qh5 h6 24.Qg6 Qe6 25.Qh7+ Kf7 26.Ne3 Qf6 27.h4 Rg8 28.Ng2 Be6 29.Nf4 Ke8 30.Nxe6 Qxe6 31.Qg6+ Qxg6+ 32.Bxg6+ 1-0 (38) Richardson,K-Estrin,Y Wch10 Final 7884 1978]

[17...Rf7 18.Kg2 Re8 19.f4 Bf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Ng3 Qe6 22.Bd2 d4 23.Qf3 C 82/11 2000]

[17...c6 18.Bc5 Rf7 19.Qe2 Bf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Rd1 Rf6 22.Ng3 Qg6 23.Re1 h5 24.Bd4 h4 25.Bxf6 hxg3+ 26.hxg3 Qxf6 27.Qe6+ Kf8 28.Qxf6+ gxf6 29.Re6 Rc8 30.Rxf6+ Ke7 31.Rh6 a5 32.g4 1-0 (40) Richardson,K-Ofstad,P CCOL10 prel3 B4 1982]

18.Bc5 0.19/21 Really sharp!

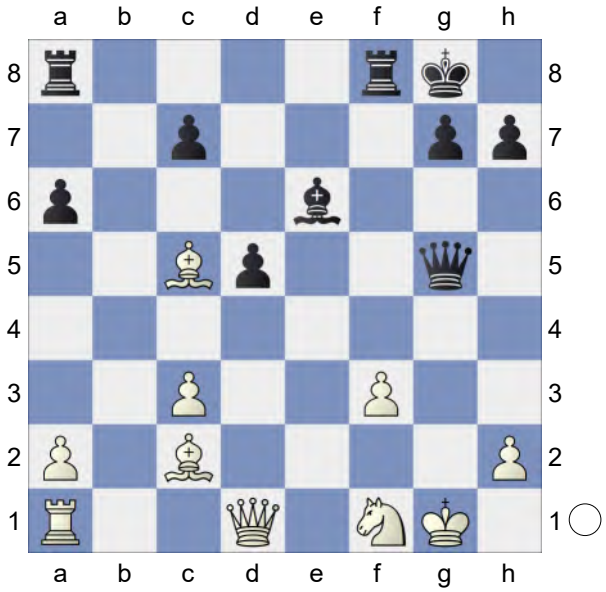
[18.cxb4 d4 19.Bd2 *(19.Qxd4*

Qxf3+ 20.Kg1 Bh3=; 19.Bxd4 Qh4+ 20.Kg2 Rad8=) 19...Bg4+-]
[18.Bd4± 1.01/19 Qg5 19.Bc5 *(19.cxb4 Bg4=)*]

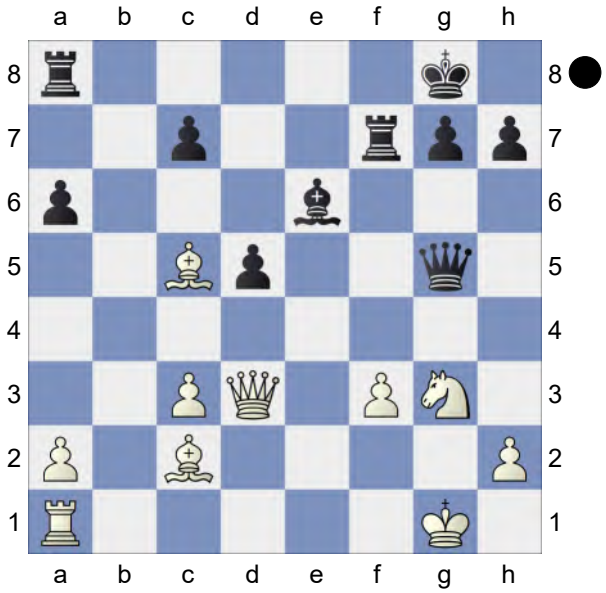
18...bxc3= The position is equal.

19.bxc3 Loses the game. **19...Qh4+** 1.68/18
[19...Rf7= 0.19/18 and Black has nothing to worry.]

20.Kg1+- Qg5+ 2.22/19
[20...Rf7± 1.57/18]



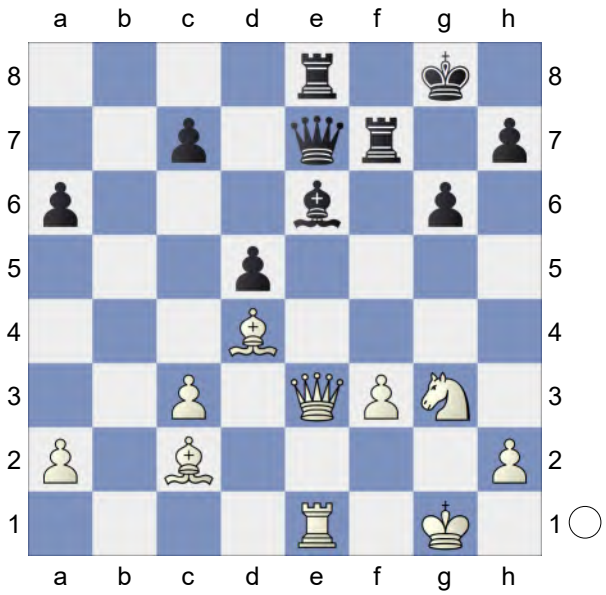
21.Ng3 Rf7 22.Qd3



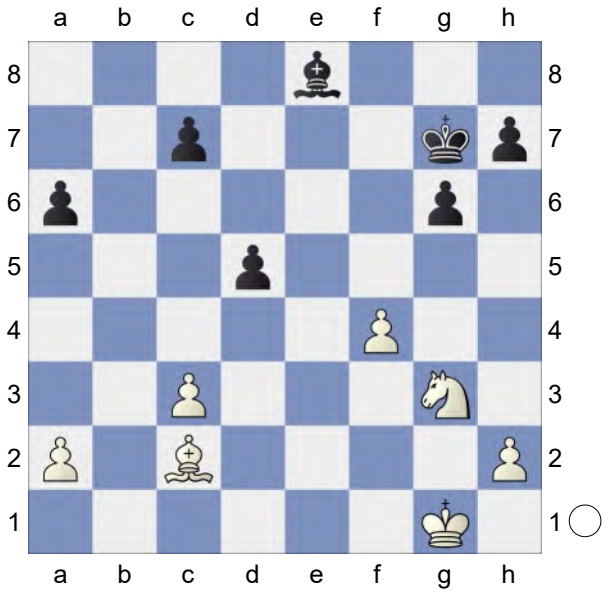
g6 23.Re1 Qf6 4.02/20 Black is weak on the dark squares
[⌓23...Bh3 2.76/17 24.Bb3 Rd8]

24.Bd4 This pair of bishops is nice.

24...Qe7 25.Qe3 Re8



26.Qe5 Wards off Bd7 **26...Rg7 27.Qxg7+ Qxg7 28.Bxg7 Kxg7 29.f4 Bd7 30.Rxe8 Bxe8**



31.Bb3 Bf7 32.Kf2 Kf6 33.Ke3 c5 34.Kf3 Be6 35.Nf1 h6? 6.56/18
[35...Ke7 3.99/17 36.Ne3 Kd6]

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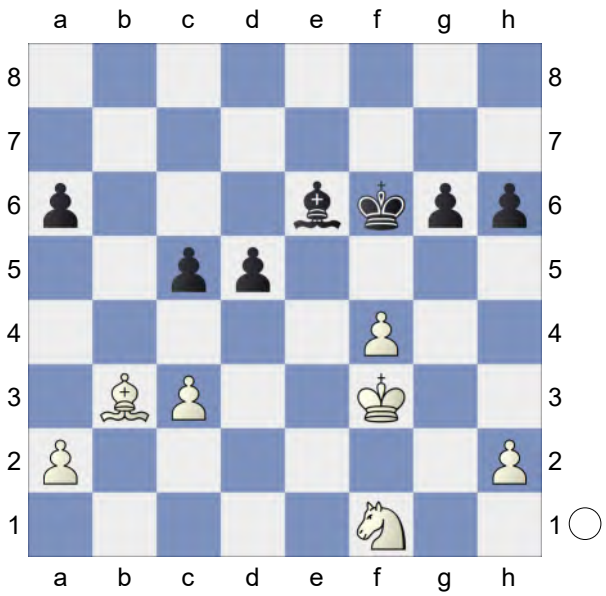
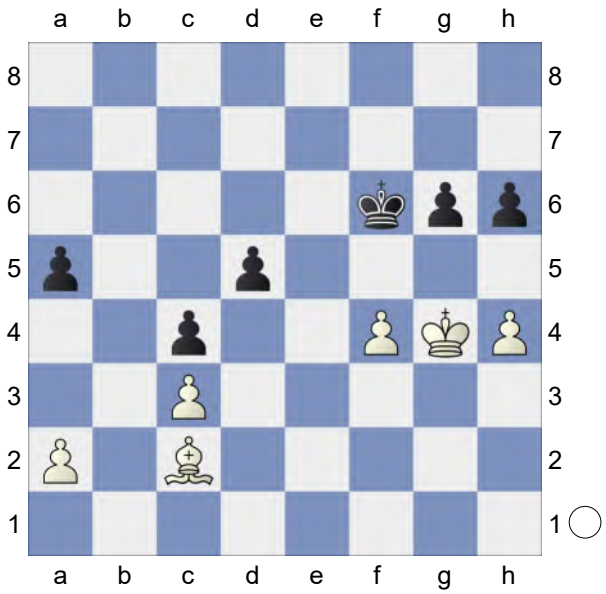


36.Ne3 White is clearly winning. **36...c4 37.Bc2 Kf7 38.Ng4 Bxg4+ 39.Kxg4 Kf6 40.h4 a5**



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41.h5

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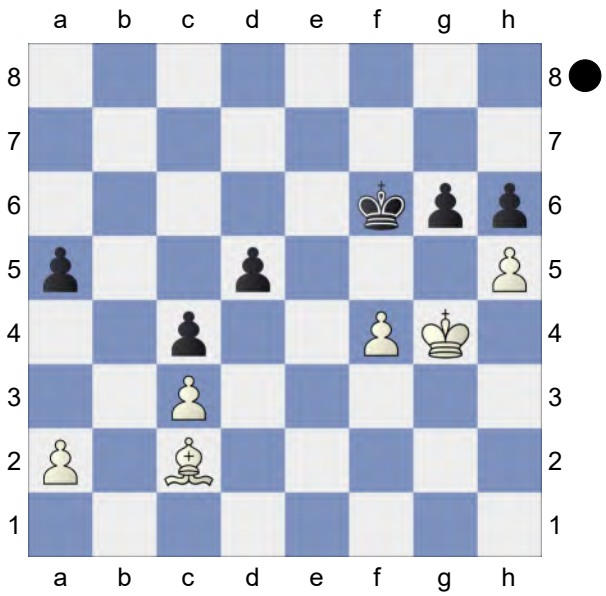

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99 **C82**

□ **Wilk,Bronislawa**

■ **Grabner,Helmut**

EU/M/GT/287 corr ICCF 1988

[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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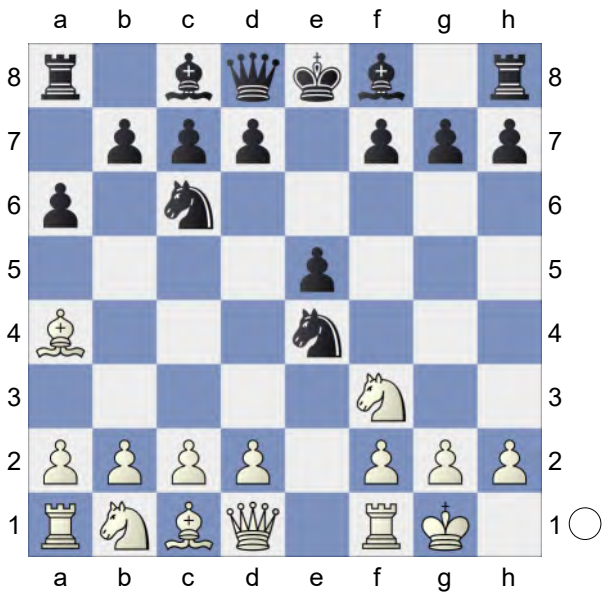

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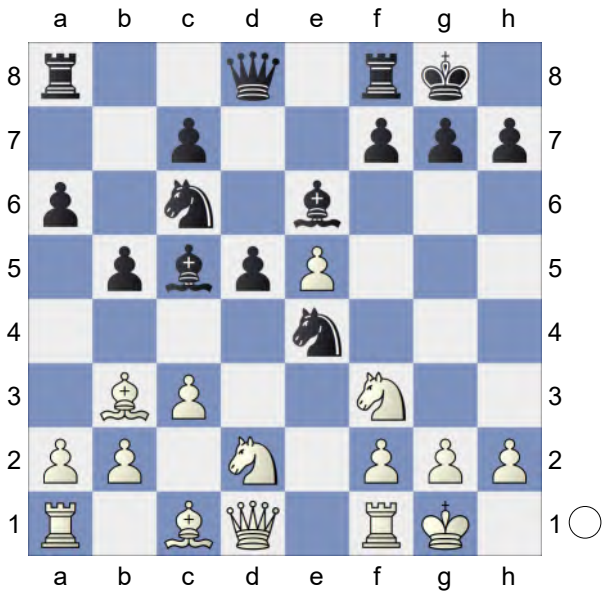

11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Kg1 Rae8

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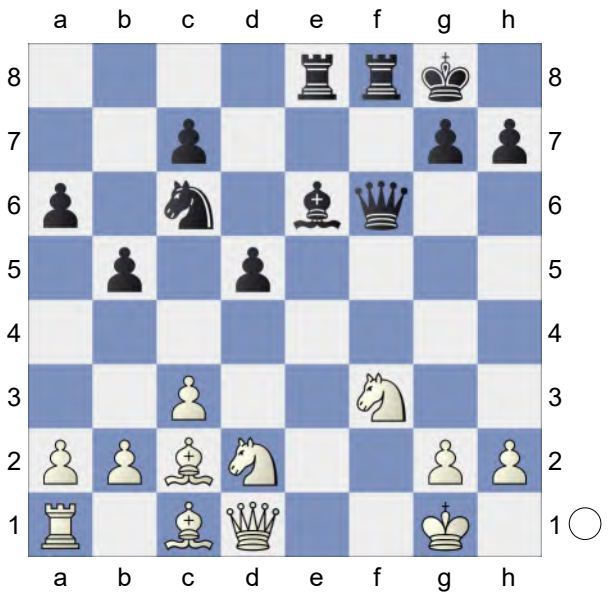


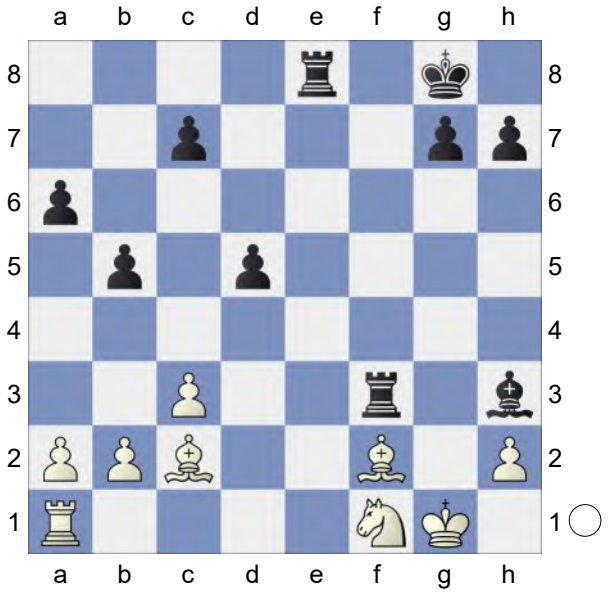
16.Nf1

[16.Qf1 Bf5 17.Bxf5 Qxf5 18.b3 d4□

A) 19.Ba3 dxc3! 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 *(20...Qxf8 21.Rc1!)* 21.Nc4! *(21.Rc1? cxd2 22.Rxc6 Qd5-+; 21.Qc1? Nd4!-+)* 21...Qc5+ 22.Qf2 Qxf2+ 23.Kxf2 bxc4 24.Rc1 cxb3 25.axb3∓ Jusupov;

B) 19.cxd4?! Nxd4! 20.Nxd4 Qc5 Ljubojevic - Jusupov, Tilburg 87]

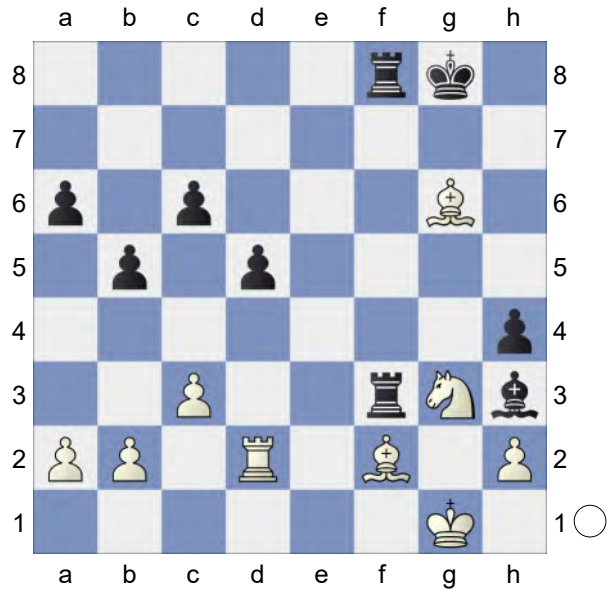
16...Ne5 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 Bh3



21.Ng3 g6 22.Rd1 c6 The position is equal. **23.Rd2 Ref8! 24.Bd3 h5 25.Bxg6N** -1.19/21

[25.Bf1!∓ -0.47/21 Bxf1 26.Nxf1 g5 27.Ne3 a5 28.Nc2 h4 29.Nd4 R3f6 Chapter-Games Chapter 3 Game 11]

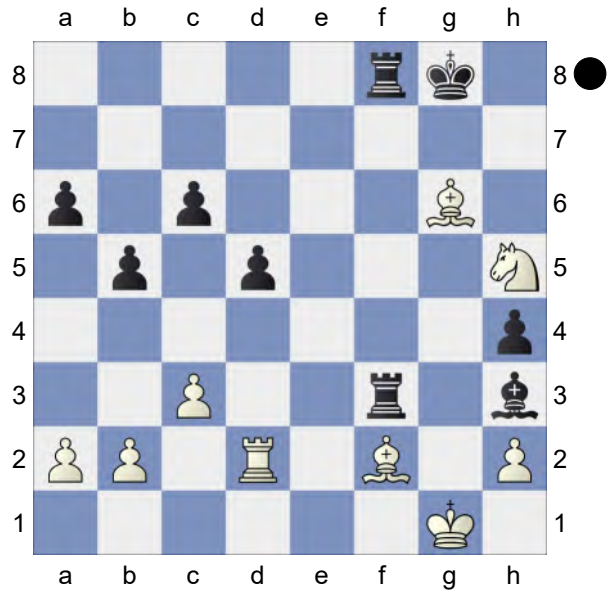
25...h4∓



26.Nh5? -2.40/24

[26.Nf1=]

[26.Nf1∓ -1.14/18]



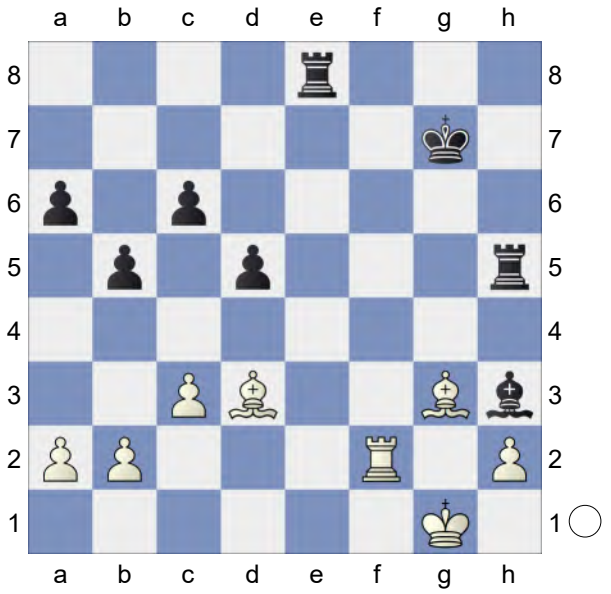
Prevents R3f6. **26...Re3!-+** (-> ...Re1+!). Back Rank **27.Bd3**

[27.Bxe3? Rf1#]

[But not 27.Bh7+? Kxh7 28.Ng3 hxg3-+]

[27.Ng3 hxg3]

27...Re5 28.Bxh4 Rxh5 29.Bg3 Kg7 30.Rf2 Re8



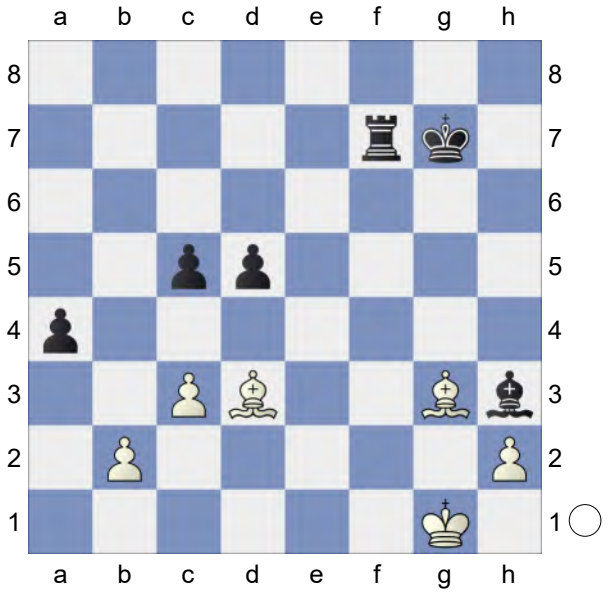
31.Re2 -2.78/21

[⌓31.Rf3 -1.80/19]

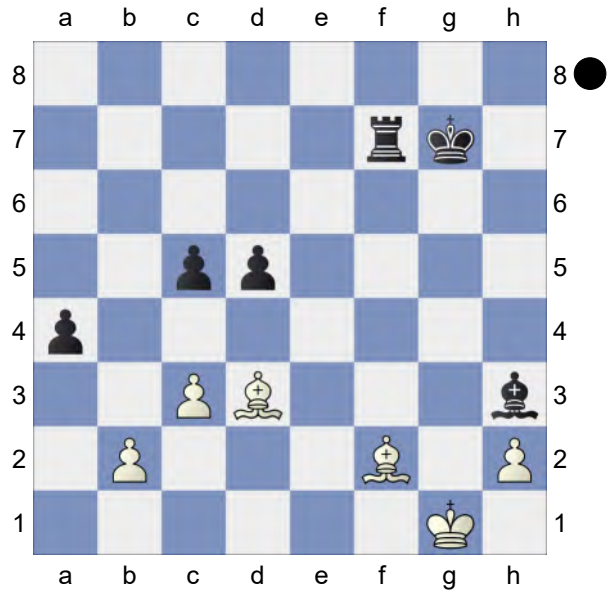
31...Rxe2 32.Bxe2 Endgame KRB-KB. This pair of bishops is nice. **32...Rf5 33.a4** -4.22/21

[33.Bc7 -2.91/20 keeps fighting.]

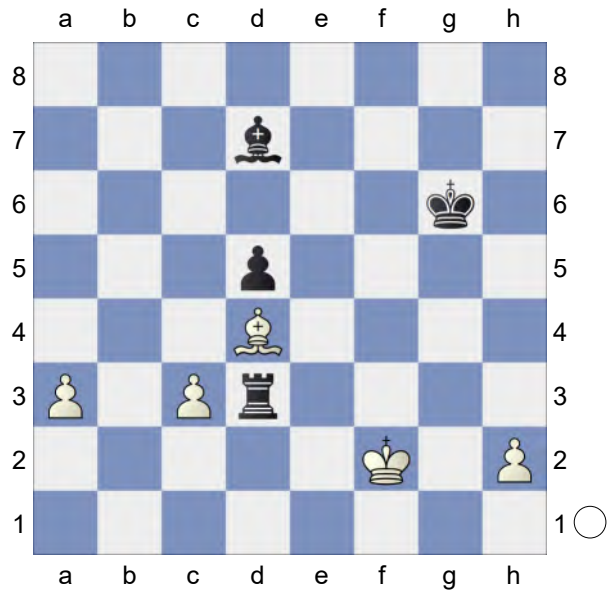
33...bxa4 34.Bxa6 c5 35.Bd3 Rf7



36.Bf2



a3! 37.bxa3 Rf3 38.Bxc5 Rxd3 39.Bd4+ Kg6 40.Kf2 Repels Rf3+ **40...Bd7**



...Kf5 is the strong threat. **41.Ke2 Bb5 42.a4 Bc4 43.Kf2 Kf5 44.a5 Kg4 45.Be5 Rf3+**

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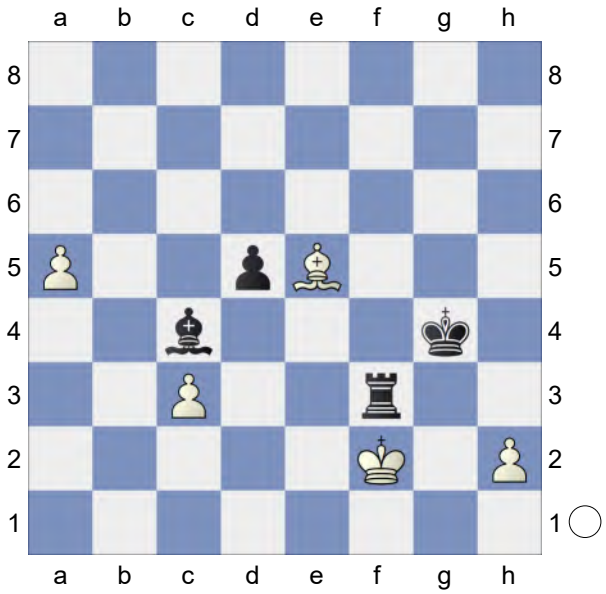
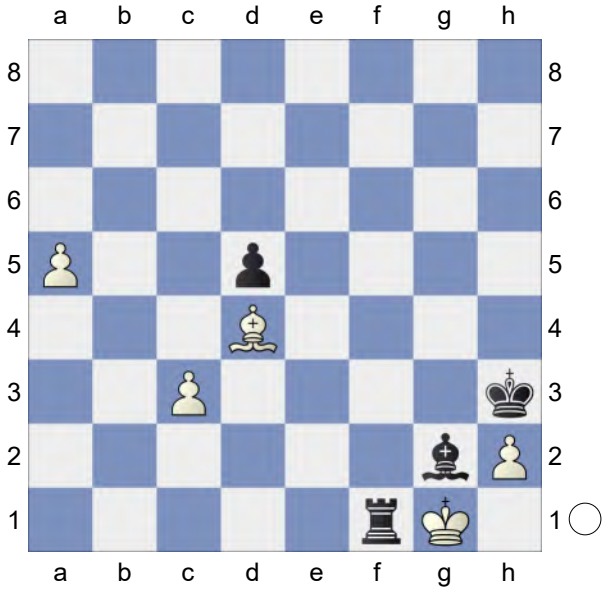


46.Kg2 Bf1+ Black mates. **47.Kh1 Kh3 48.Bd4 Bg2+ 49.Kg1** White did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

49...Rf1#



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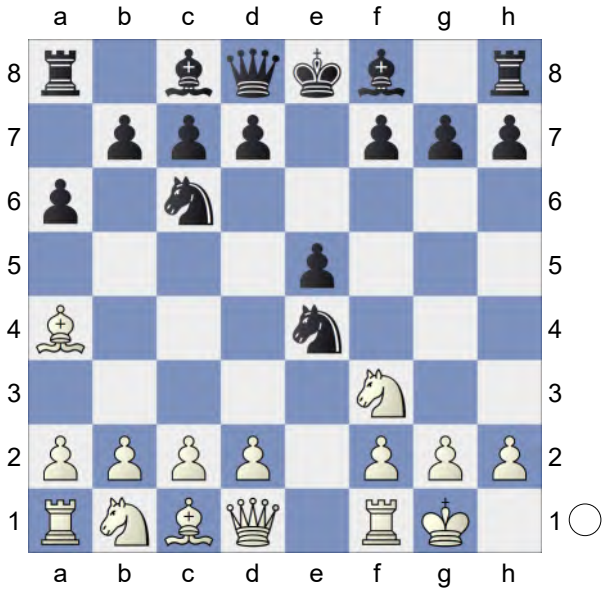
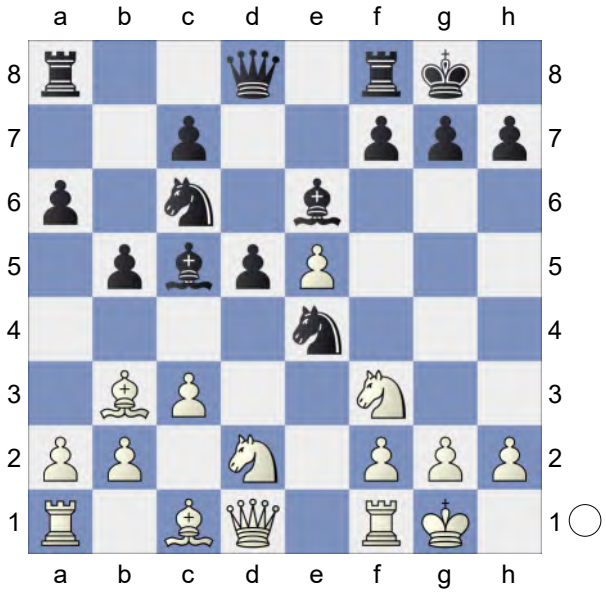
100 **C82**
□ **Kondali,Jovan**
■ **Kretschmar,Heinz**
corr 1988
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

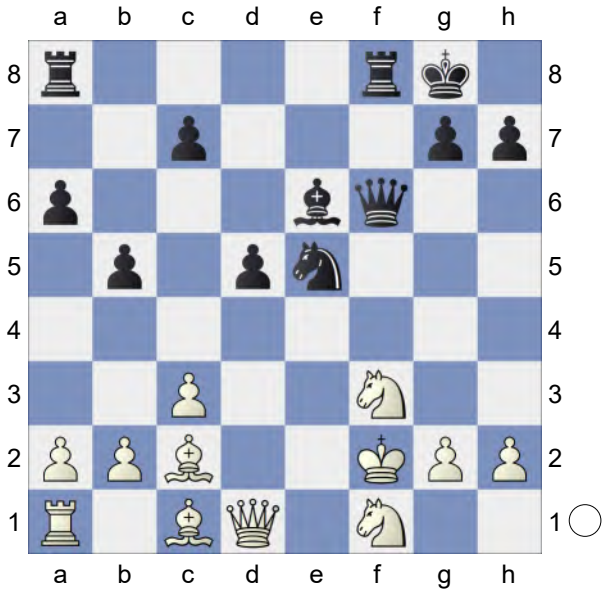
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1 Ne5



16.Be3!
[Not 16.Bg5? Qxg5 17.Ne3 c5-+]
16...Nxf3 17.gxf3 Qe5N 2.19/18
[17...Rae8!± 0.40/18]
[17...Qh4+ 18.Kg1 c6 19.Bc5 Rf7 20.Qe2 Bd7 21.Re1 Rxf3 22.Qxf3 Qxe1 23.Qh5 h6 24.Qg6 Qe6 25.Qh7+ Kf7 26.Ne3 Qf6 27.h4 Rg8 28.Ng2 Be6 29.Nf4 Ke8 30.Nxe6 Qxe6 31.Qg6+ Qxg6+ 32.Bxg6+ 1-0 (38) Richardson,K-Estrin,Y Wch10 Final 7884 1978]
[17...Rf7 18.Kg2 Re8 19.f4 Bf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Ng3 Qe6 22.Bd2 d4 23.Qf3 C 82/11 2000]
[17...c6 18.Bc5 Rf7 19.Qe2 Bf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Rd1 Rf6 22.Ng3 Qg6 23.Re1 h5 24.Bd4 h4 25.Bxf6 hxg3+ 26.hxg3 Qxf6 27.Qe6+ Kf8 28.Qxf6+ gxf6 29.Re6 Rc8 30.Rxf6+ Ke7 31.Rh6 a5 32.g4 1-0 (40) Richardson,K-Ofstad,P CCOL10 prel3 B4 1982]

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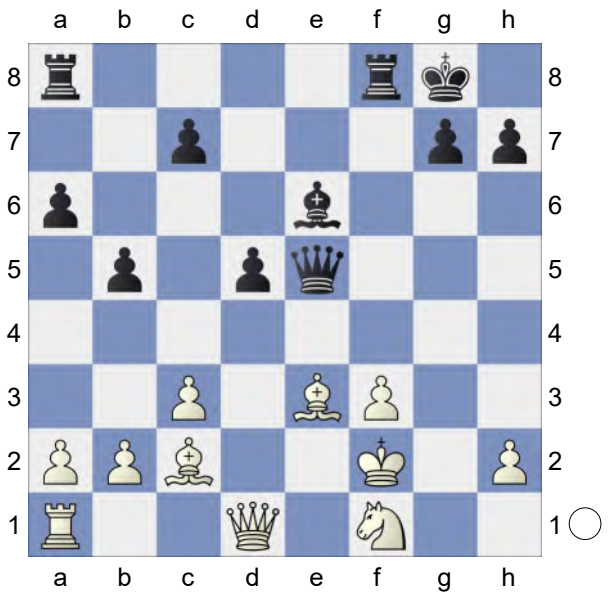
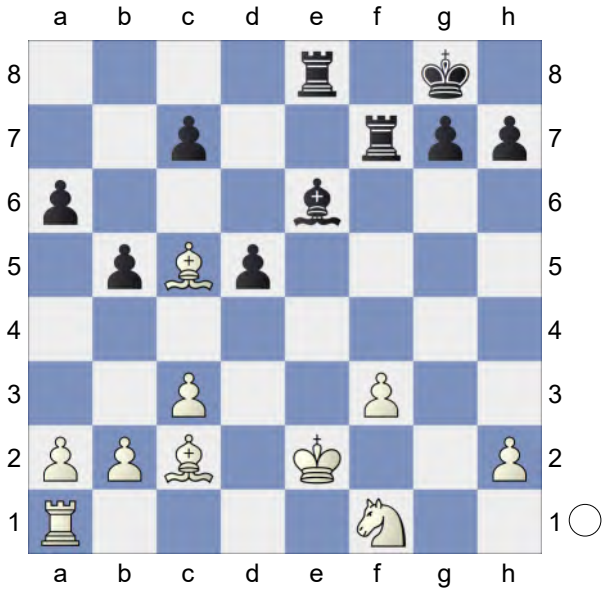


18.Bc5!+- A strong pair of Bishops. **18...Rf7** White is clearly better. **19.Qe2 Qxe2+ 20.Kxe2 Re8**



21.Ne3 Bf5 22.Bb3 c6 23.a4 Bc8 24.Kf2 g6 25.Nc2 Kg7

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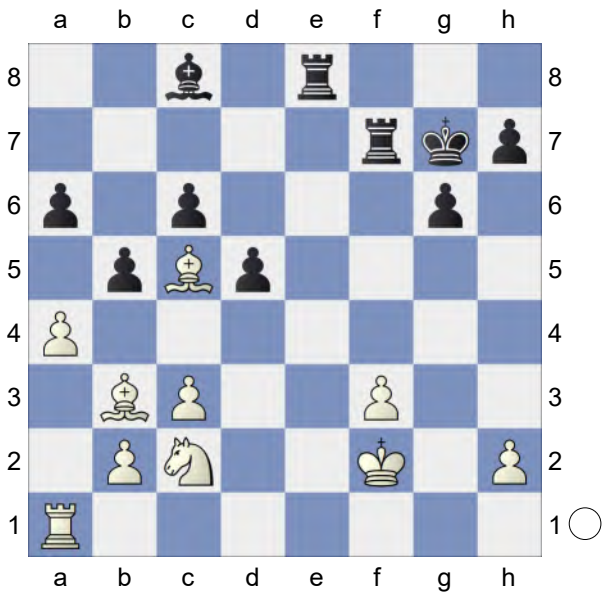
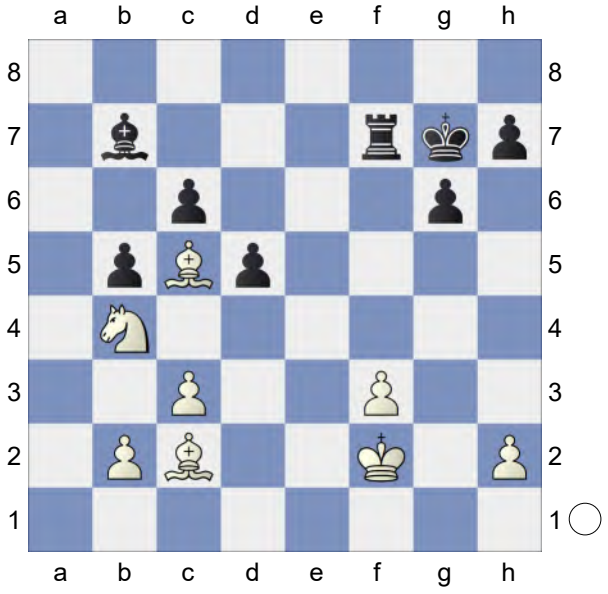


26.Nb4 Bb7 27.axb5 axb5 28.Ra7 Ra8 29.Rxa8

[Weaker is 29.Bd4+ Kf8 30.Rxb7 *(30.Bc5+ Ke8+-)* 30...Rxb7+-]

29...Bxa8 30.Bc2 Bb7



31.h4 Kg8 32.Nd3 Rf5 33.Kg3 g5 34.Be7 gxh4+ 35.Bxh4 Rf8

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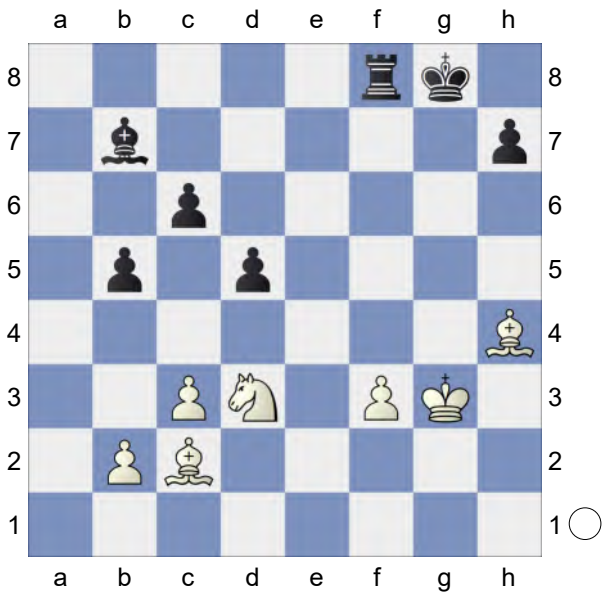
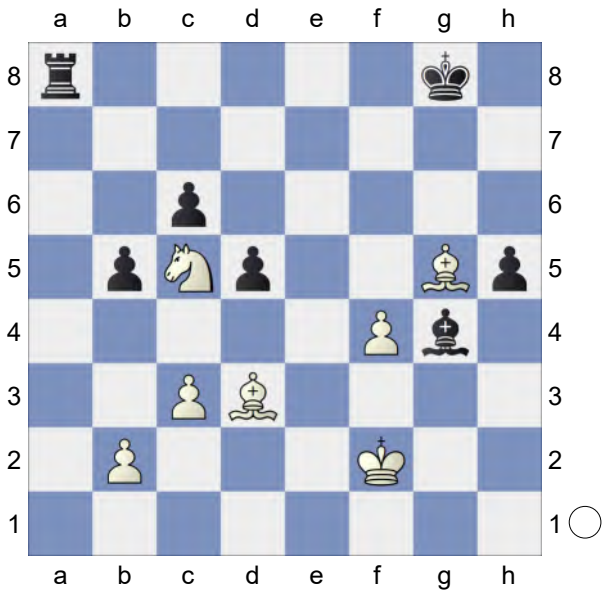
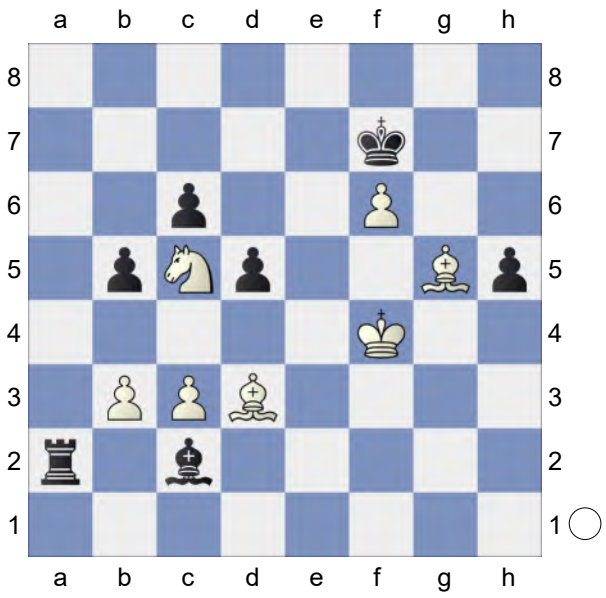


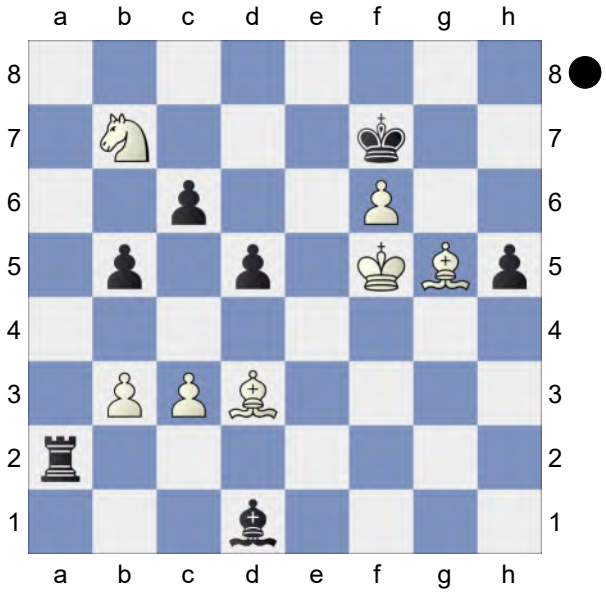
36.f4 Re8 37.Kf2 Bc8 38.Nc5 Bg4 39.Bd3 Prevents Re2+ **39...h5 40.Bg5 Ra8**



41.Kg3 Ra2 42.b3 Kf7 2.78/20
[⌓42...Ra1 1.84/19 43.f5 Rg1+ 44.Kf2 Ra1]
43.f5 Be2 44.Kf4 And now f6 would win. **44...Bd1** 3.51/23
[⌓44...Bf1 2.04/20 45.Bxf1 Rf2+ 46.Ke5 Rxf1]
45.f6 Bc2? 5.11/20
[45...Rf2+ 2.28/16 46.Ke5 Bc2]

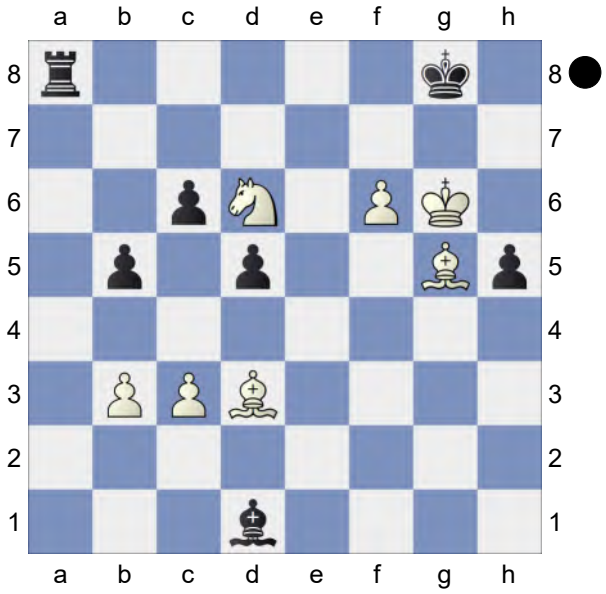


46.Kf5 Bd1 47.Nb7



Intending Nd6+ and mate. **47...Ra8?** #8/16
[47...Rf2++- 3.87/16 48.Ke5 Bxb3 49.Nd8+ Kg8 50.Nxc6 Bc2]
48.Nd6+ Kg8 White took control after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.56
49.Kg6 8.70/20
[⌓49.f7+ #7/17 Kg7 50.Bh6+ Promotion Kxh6 51.Ne8 Rxe8 52.fxe8Q Kg7 53.Qe7+ *(53.Qxc6*

Bg4+ 54.Ke5 h4 55.Qg6+ Kf8 56.Kf6 Be6 57.Qg7+ Ke8 58.Qe7#)
53...Kh8 54.Qf8+ Kh7 55.Kg5#]



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101 **C82**
□ **Kornblum,Dittmar**
■ **Schmidt,Karl Heinz**
DDR corr 1987
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 a6

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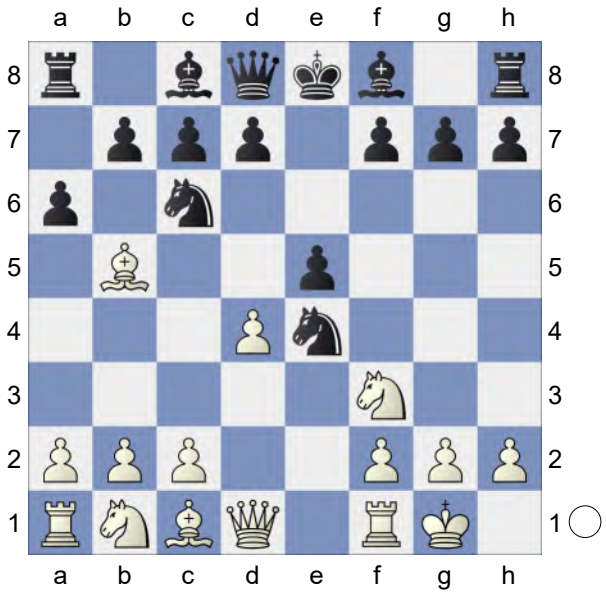
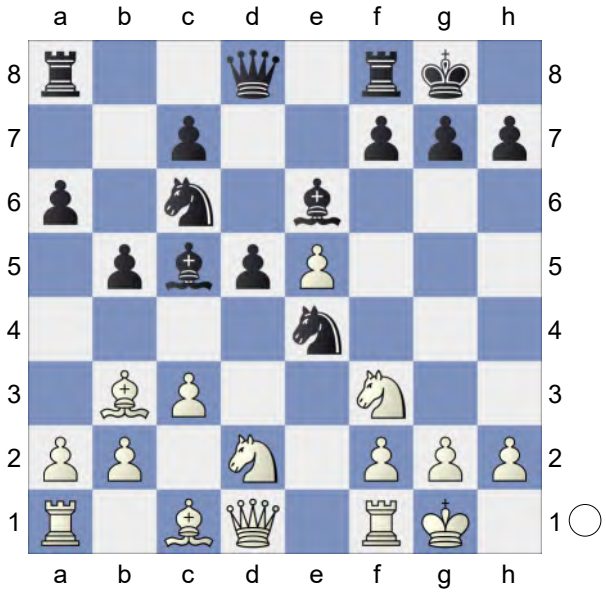


6.Ba4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6
[13.Nf1 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 Bg4 *(15...Qd6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 e4 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Rdf8 23.Rd2 Qb4 24.a3 Qb3 25.h3 R5f7 26.Ng3 Rf6 27.Kh2 a5 28.Nh5 Rf5 29.Ng3 R5f6 30.Nh5* ½-½ (32) Nepomniachtchi,I (2757)-Erigaisi,A (2782) 2nd UzChess Cup Masters 2025 (3.3)*)* 16.Ne3 Be6 17.b3 a5

18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]

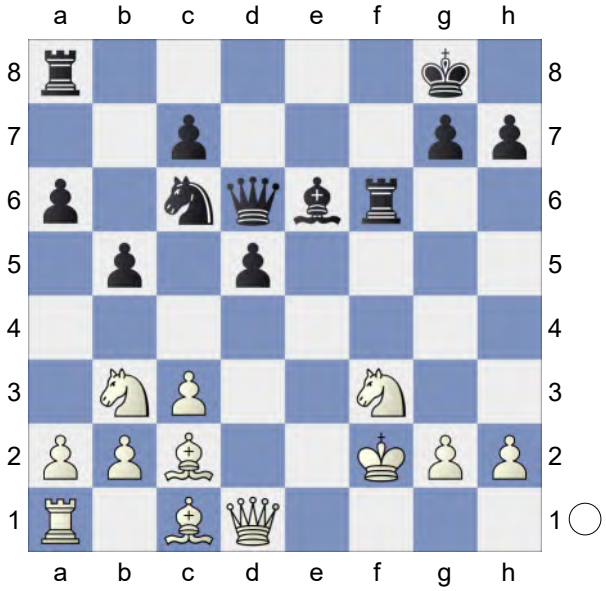
13...Bxf2+N

[13...Qxf6 14.Nb3 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 g5 16.Qd3 Rf7 17.Bxg5 Qxg5 *(17...Qg7 18.Re1 Re8 19.Nc5 Bd7 20.Nxd7 Rxe1 21.Nf6+ Rxf6 22.Bxf6* 1-0 Mastichiadis,F-Soininen,F Dyckhoff Memorial 3/M 1954*)* 18.Qxh7+ Kf8 19.Qxf7+ 1-0 Argyris,N-Bloodworth,K North Devon Congress-02 1972 (2)]

14.Kxf2 Rxf6 1.36/20

[14...Qxf6= 0.12/18 remains equal. 15.a4 Bf5]

15.Nb3 White is clearly better. **15...Qd6**



16.Bg5? -2.28/20 A strong pair of Bishops.

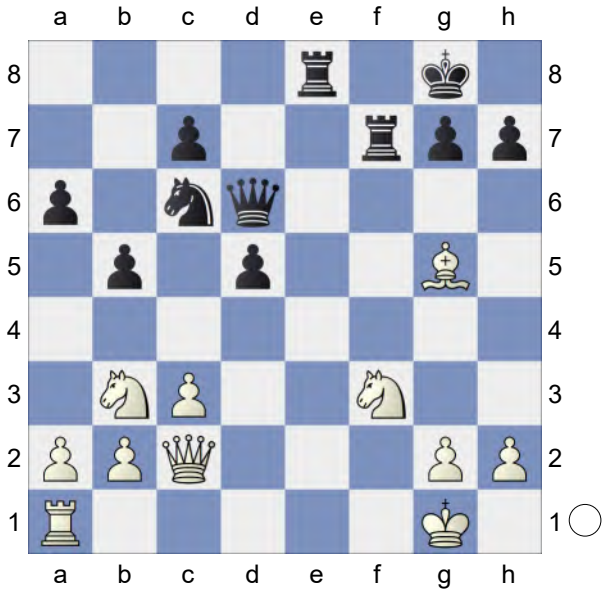
[16.Kg1!± 1.14/19 and life is bright.]

16...Rf7? 1.33/17

[Black should play 16...Rxf3+!-+ -2.28/20 17.Kg1 *(17.gxf3? Qxh2+ 18.Ke1 Qg3+ 19.Ke2 Qg2+ 20.Ke1 Qxg5-+; 17.Qxf3? Rf8-+)* 17...Rf7]

17.Kg1± Bg4 18.Qd3 Bf5 19.Qd2 Bf4 is the strong threat. **19...Bxc2 20.Qxc2 Re8** 1.49/19

[⌓20...Ne5 1.03/20]



21.Bh4!↑ White is on the roll. **21...h6** Prevents Ng5. **22.Bg3** Repels Ne5

22...Qf6 2.16/19

[⌓22...Qe6 1.78/19 23.Re1 Qc8 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8]

23.Qd3 Rd8 2.54/18

[⌓23...b4 1.89/19 24.Rc1 *(24.Qxd5 bxc3 25.bxc3 Re3+-)* 24...Kh8 25.Qxa6 *(25.Qxd5 Re2+-)* 25...Qg6 26.cxb4 Rf6]

24.Nbd4 g5 3.73/19

[24...Re8 2.24/17 might work better. 25.Rf1 Nxd4 26.cxd4 Re4]

25.Nxc6+- Qxc6

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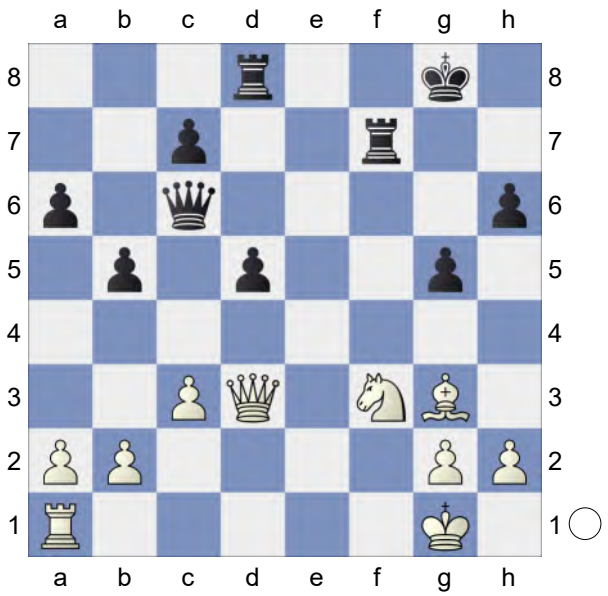
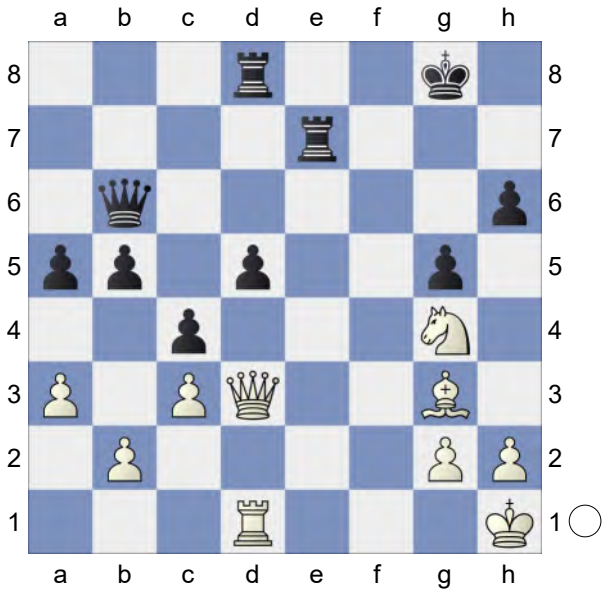
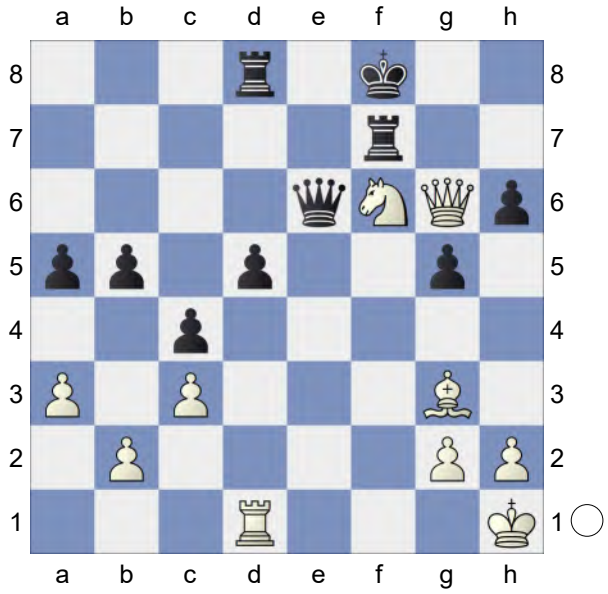


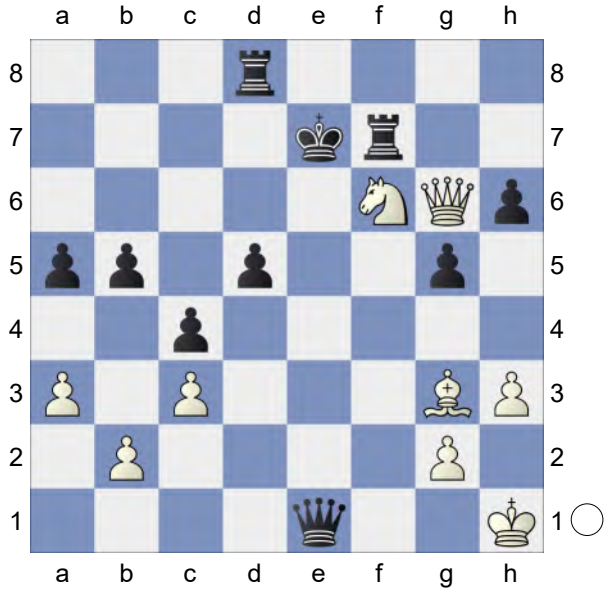
26.Rd1 Qb6+ 27.Kh1 c5 28.Ne5 Re7 29.a3 a5 30.Ng4? 0.00/19
[30.Rf1+- 4.11/19]
30...c4? 3.13/19
[30...h5!= 0.00/19]



31.Qf5 Qe6? 5.04/21
[31...Rf8 3.08/18 32.Qxd5+ Qe6 33.Nxh6+ Kh7 34.Qxe6 *(34.Qxg5? Qe1+* Back Rank *35.Rxe1 Rxe1+* Remove Defender, Back Rank *36.Bxe1 Rf1#)* 34...Rxe6]
32.Nf6+ Kf8 33.Qg6 White threatens Rf1! and mate.
[33.Rxd5? Qe1+ 34.Bxe1 Rxe1+]
33...Rf7

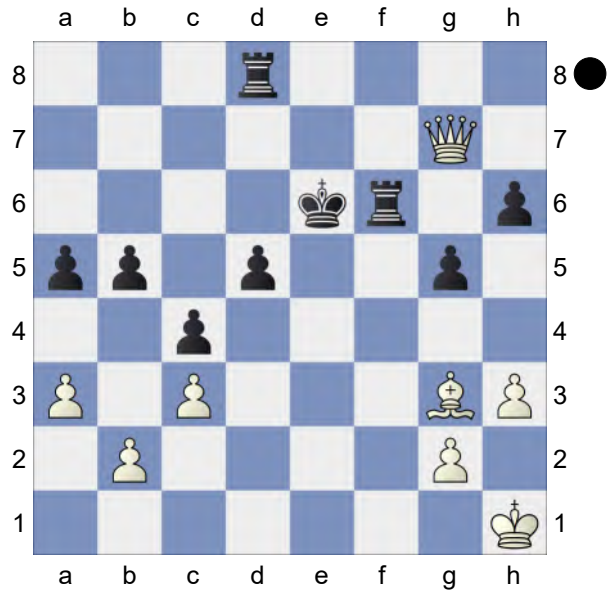


34.h3?? -3.12/20 **Ke7??** 5.59/21
[Don't take 34...Qxf6 35.Qxf6 Rxf6 36.Kg1]
[34...Rxf6-+ -3.12/20 35.Qh5 d4 36.cxd4 Kg8]
35.Re1 White is clearly winning.
35...Qxe1+



36.Bxe1 Rxf6 37.Qg7+ Ke6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/Black=0.80

38.Bg3



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102 **C82**

□ **Walther,Ernst**

■ **Dilworth,Vernon**

W-ch M corr ICCF corr 1986

[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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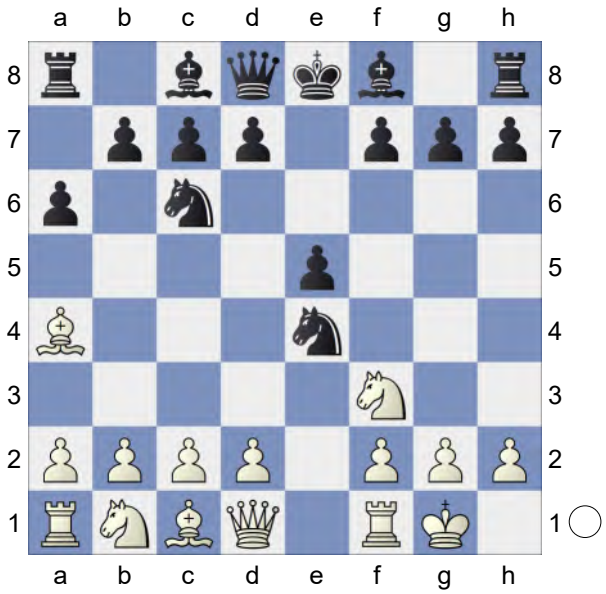
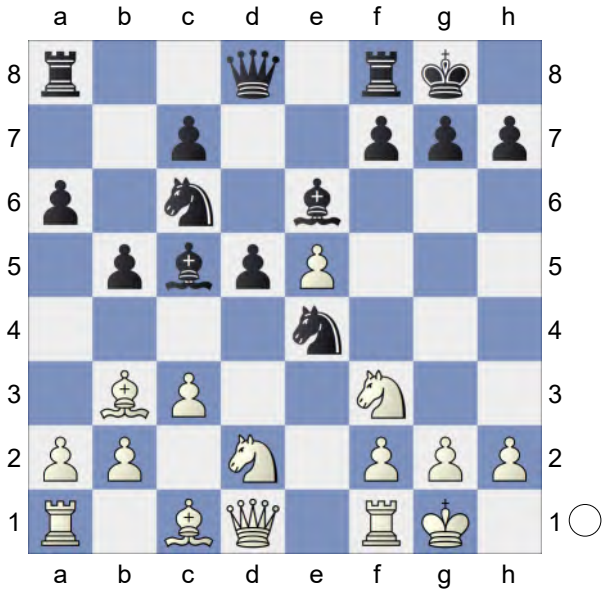


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2!? 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6! 15.Kg1

[15.Nf1!?]

15...g5! 0.61/22

[15...Rae8!= 0.00/21]

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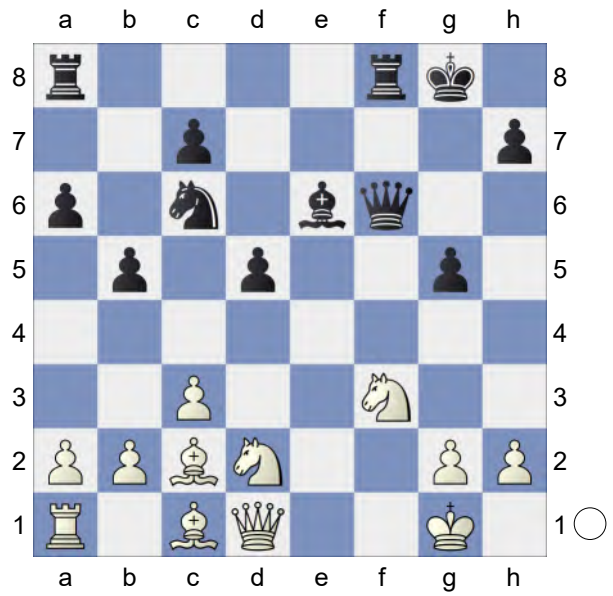

16.Nb3
[16.Qe1 g4! 17.Qh4 Bf5! 18.Qxf6 -0.42/17 *(18.Bxf5!± 0.51/22 Qxf5 19.Qg3)* 18...Rxf6∓ 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.Nh4 Re5 21.Kf2 -1.82/20 *(21.h3∓ -0.48/21)* 21...Rf8+-+ 22.Kg3 Re1 23.Nb3 Rff1 24.a4 Ne5? 0.04/23 *(*Black should play *24...b4∓* -1.57/23 *25.cxb4 Rd1)* 25.axb5!= Nd3! 26.bxa6 Nxc1 27.Ra3 Nd3 0.96/23 *(27...Re3+=* 0.00/21 *28.Kxg4 Re4+ 29.Kh3 Nd3)* 28.Kxg4 0.00/20 *(*White should try *28.Nd4!±* 0.96/23 *Re3+ 29.Kxg4)* 28...h5+ 29.Kxh5 Re5+ 30.Kg4! Nf2+ (1/2, Radoslavic-Dilworth, corr WT/M)]

16...g4

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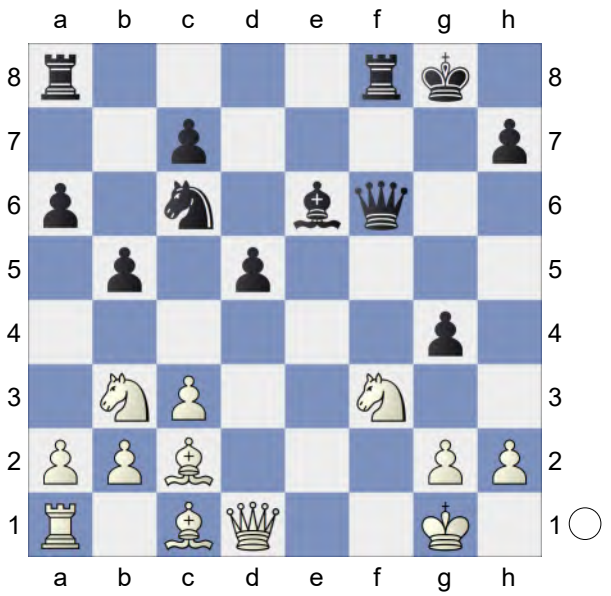
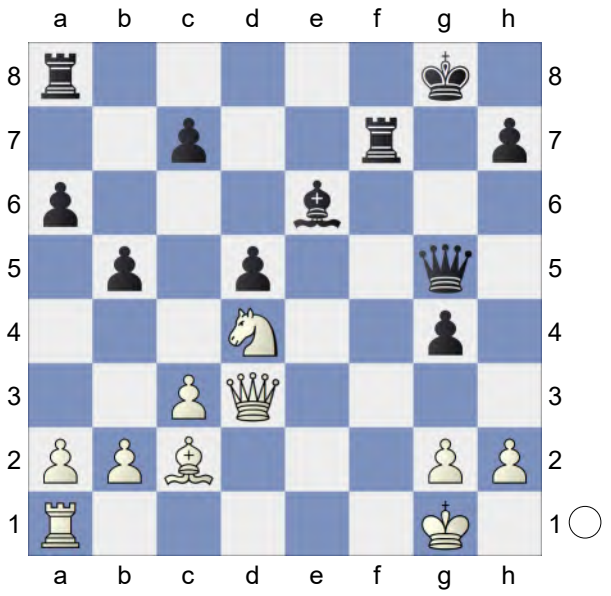


17.Qd3 -0.64/21 **Rf7!∓** Black is slightly better. **18.Bg5 Qg7 19.Nfd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Qxg5**



21.Nxe6 Qf6 22.Qe3N Prevents Qf2+.
[22.Bb3? -3.30/20 22.Qe3 -1.23 c6! 23.Nd4 Hoping for Rf1. Qf2+ 24.Kh1 Re8 25.Nc2 Wards off Re1+ Re2 26.Rg1 Rd2N]
[22.Qxd5? Qf2+ 23.Kh1 Qf1+ 24.Rxf1 Rxf1#]
[22.Qe2 Re8 23.Re1 Kh8 24.g3 Rfe7 25.Qd3 Rf7 26.Qe3 Kg8 27.Qe2 h5 28.Bb3 c6 29.Qe5 Qf2+

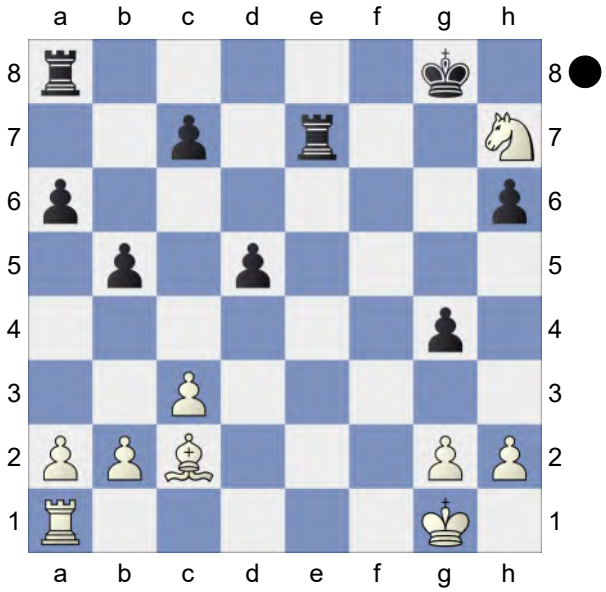
30.Kh1 Qf3+ ½-½ Sprenger De la Iglesia,Y (2255)-Showdown (2400) (Game 26) Budapest 1995]

22...Re7! Chess con chili. **23.Qg5+**

[23.Re1? Rae8 24.Qd3 c6-+ *(24...Rxe6 25.Qxh7+ Kf8 26.Rf1±)*]

23...Qxg5 24.Nxg5 h6 25.Nh7

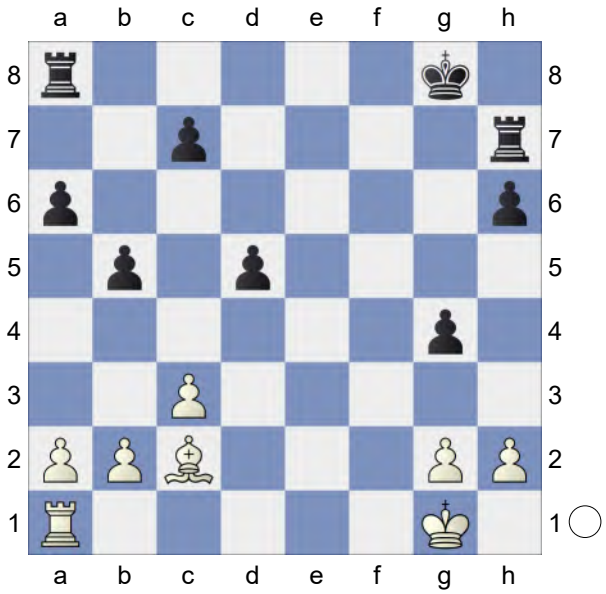
[25.Bb3? Rd8 *(25...hxg5? 26.Bxd5+ Kg7 27.Bxa8+-)* 26.Rd1 c6-+ *(26...hxg5? 27.Rd2-+)*]



Deflection **25...Rxh7** -0.10/18

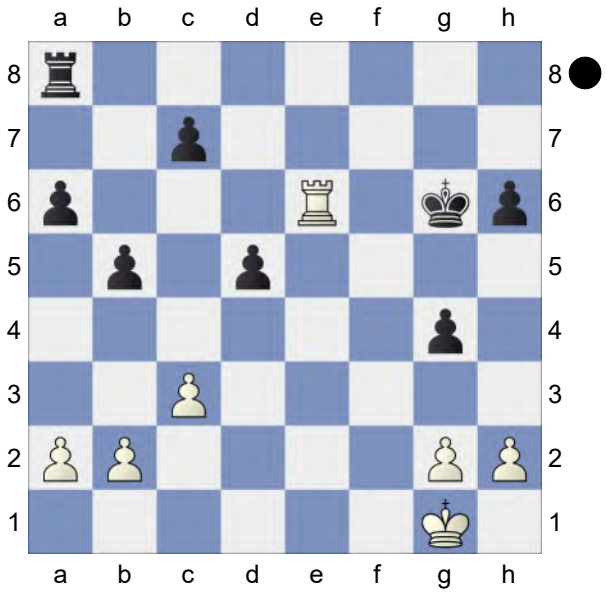
[25...Kg7!∓ -1.02/21 Strongly threatening ...Rae8. 26.Rf1 Re2]

(Diagram)



26.Bxh7+= **Kxh7∓** Endgame KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **27.Re1** Inhibits Re8. **27...Kg6 28.Re6+** -0.77/22

[28.Re5= -0.13/20 keeps the balance.]

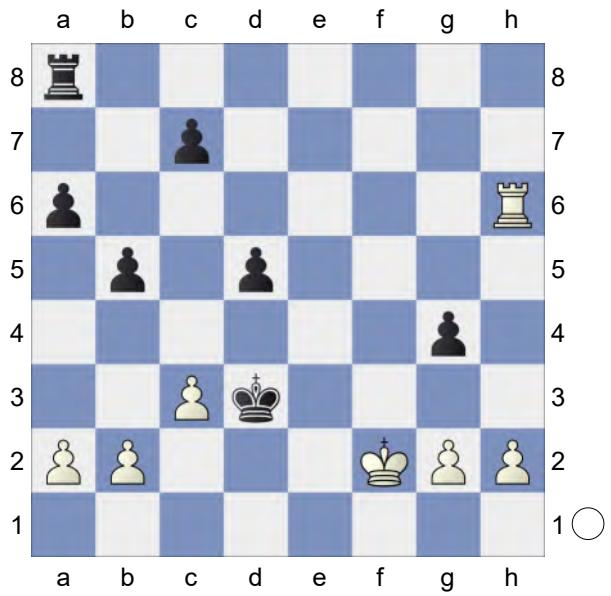


28...Kf5! Black continues to play with concentration. **29.Rxh6 Ke4 30.Kf2** -2.14/20

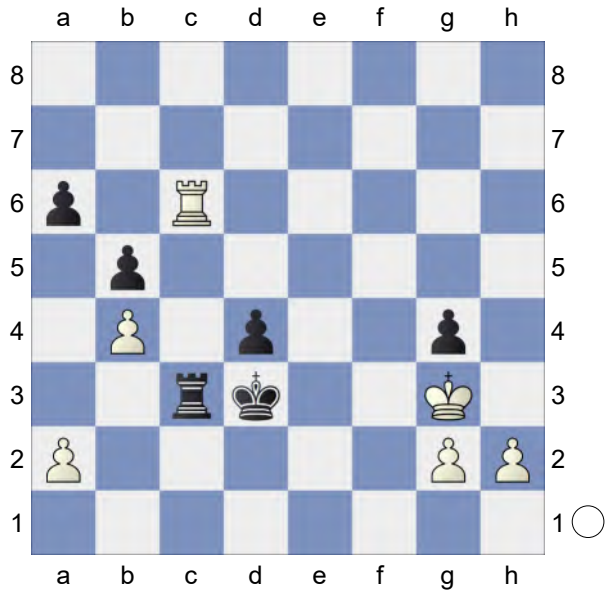
[30.Rc6∓ -1.19/21]

30...Kd3-+

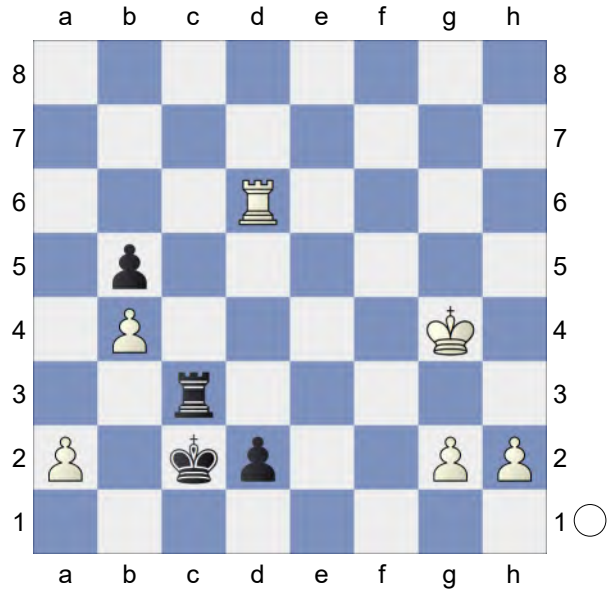
(Diagram)



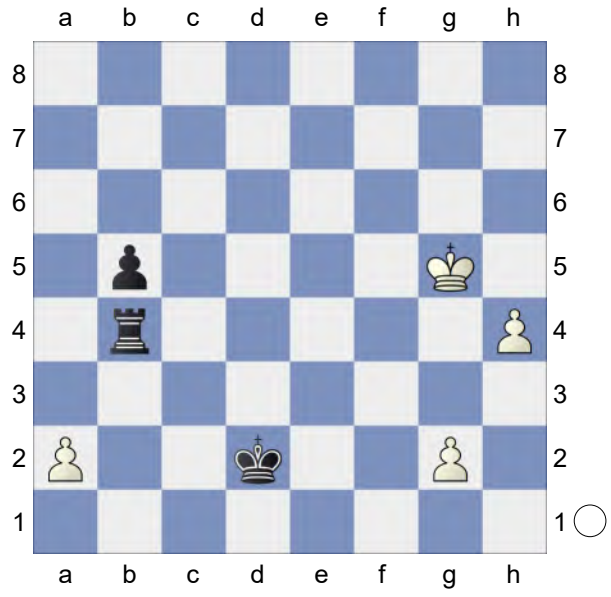
31.Rc6 Re8 32.b4? -5.19/21
[32.Kg3 -2.22/21 might work better. Re2 33.Rxa6]
32...Re2+ Black is clearly winning.
33.Kg3 Rc2
[33...Rxa2 34.Rxc7 Rc2 35.Rc5 Rxc3 36.Kxg4-+]
34.Rxc7 d4
[Not 34...Rxa2 35.Rc5∓]
35.Rc6 Rxc3



36.Rxa6 Kc2+ 37.Kf2 -9.10/22
[⌓37.Kxg4 -5.13/15 d3 38.Rd6]
37...d3 38.Rd6 Kd1
[Weaker is 38...d2 39.Ke2 Rc7 40.Rxd2+ Kc3 41.Rd3+ Kxb4 42.Kd2±]
39.Kg3 d2+ 40.Kxg4 Kc2



41.Rxd2+ Kxd2 42.h4 Rc4+ 43.Kg5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.08 (flawless)
43...Rxb4



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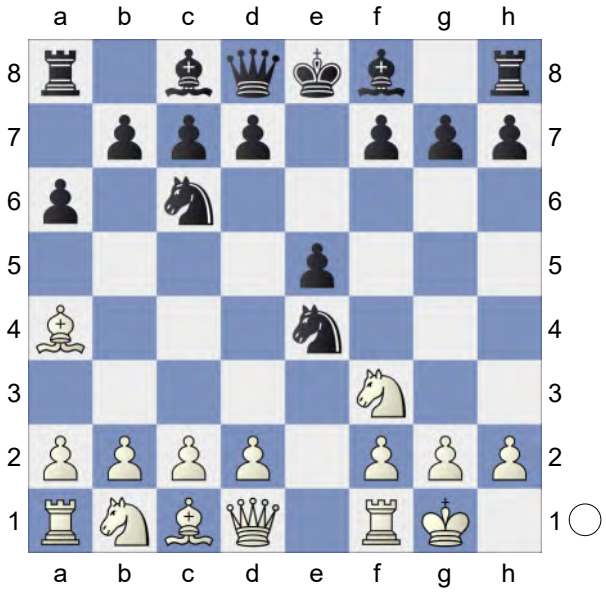
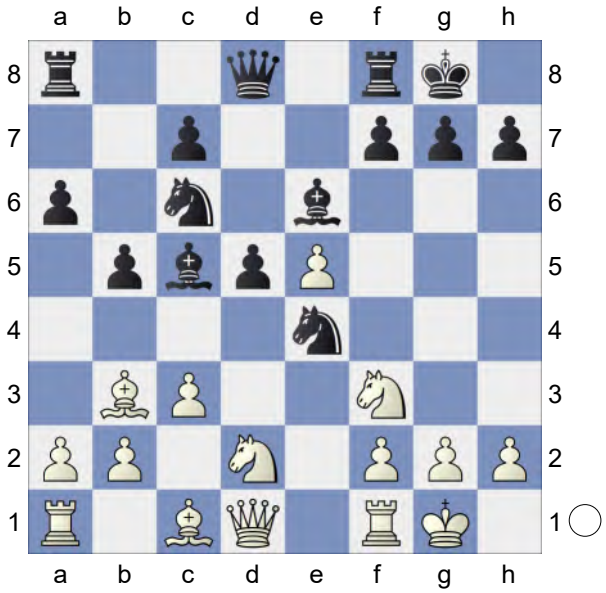
103 **C82**
□ **Horvath,K**
■ **Kovacs,Arthur**
corr 1986
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
6/245 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Kg1
[15.Nf1 with more complications. Ne5 16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5]
15...Rf7N 1.24/19
[15...Rae8!= 0.00/20]
[15...Rad8 16.Nf1 h6 17.Be3 Bg4 18.Qd3 Bf5 19.Qxf5 Qxf5 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 21.Ng3 Rf7 22.Re1 Re7 23.Nf5 Re6 24.N3d4 Nxd4 25.Nxd4 Re4 26.Bd2 Rde8 27.Rxe4 Rxe4 28.Kf2 Kf7 29.b4 Kf6 30.Nb3 1-0 (42) Piszcz,K-Fredrich,M Poland-Team m 1990]
[15...g5 16.Qe1 *(16.Nb3 g4 17.Qd3 Rf7 18.Bg5 Qg7 19.Nfd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Qxg5 21.Nxe6 Qf6 22.Qe2 Re8 23.Re1 Kh8 24.g3 Rfe7 25.Qd3 Rf7 26.Qe3 Kg8 27.Qe2 h5 28.Bb3 c6 29.Qe5 Qf2+ 30.Kh1 Qf3+* ½-½ Sprenger De la Iglesia,Y (2255)-Showdown (2400) (Game 26) Budapest 1995 *)*
A) 16...g4 17.Qh4 *(17.Ng5 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Qxf5 19.Qe6+ Qxe6 20.Nxe6 Rf7 21.g3 Re8 22.Nf4 Ne5 23.a4 c5 24.Nb3 d4 25.Nxc5 bxa4 26.Rxa4 Nf3+ 27.Kg2 Re1 28.Ncd3 Rg1+ 29.Kf2 Rh1 30.Rxa6 Rxh2+ 31.Kf1 Rh1+* 0-1 (52) Pantaleoni,L (2240)-Walter,E (2215) EU/M/997 corr 1992*)*
17...Bf5 18.Qxf6 Rxf6 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.Nh4 Re5 21.Nb3 C 82/10 2000;
B) 16...Rae8 17.Qg3 g4 18.h3 Qg7 19.hxg4 Bxg4 20.Nh2 Bd1 21.Qxg7+ Kxg7 22.Bxd1 Re1+ 23.Ndf1 Rxd1 24.Bh6+ Kxh6 25.Rxd1 0-1 Atlas,D (2315)-Rogic,D (2445) Dresden zt 1.2 1998 (4)]

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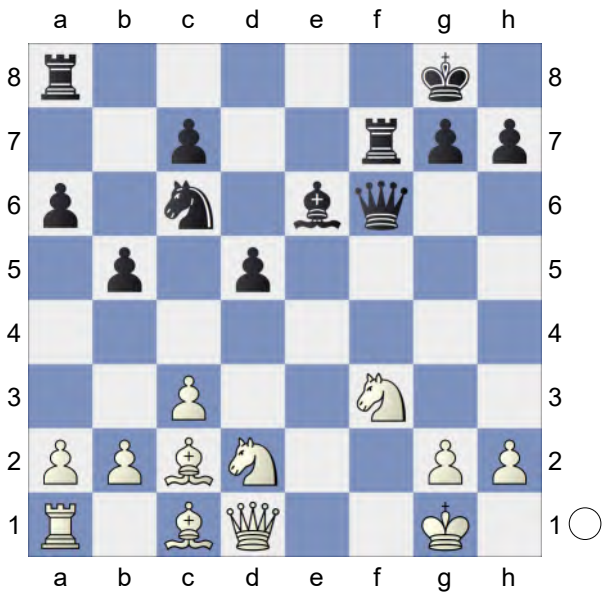
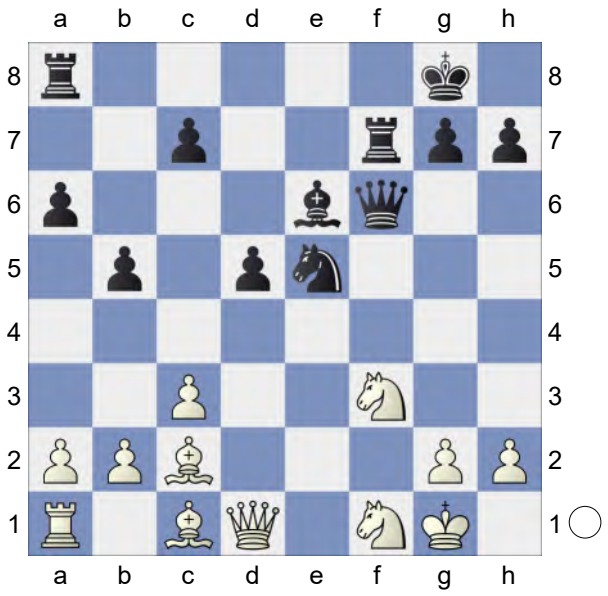


16.Nf1 0.49/19
[16.Qe1± 1.24/19]
16...Ne5!±



17.Bxh7+ 0.01/21 **Kxh7= 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Nxf7 Qxf7 20.Qe2 Rf8↑**

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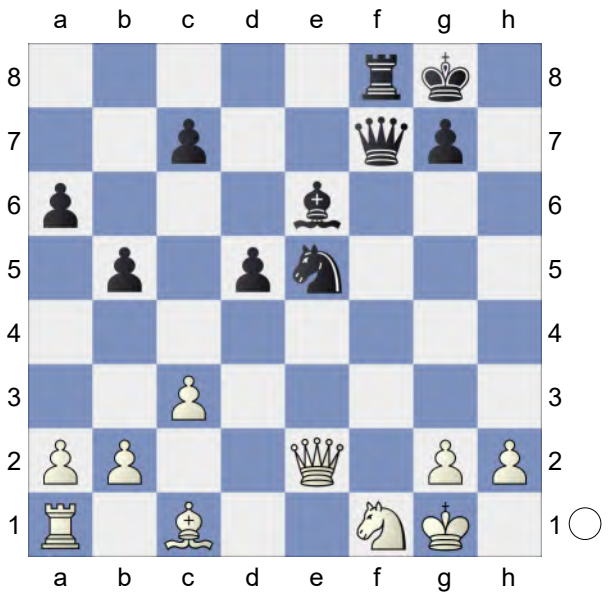
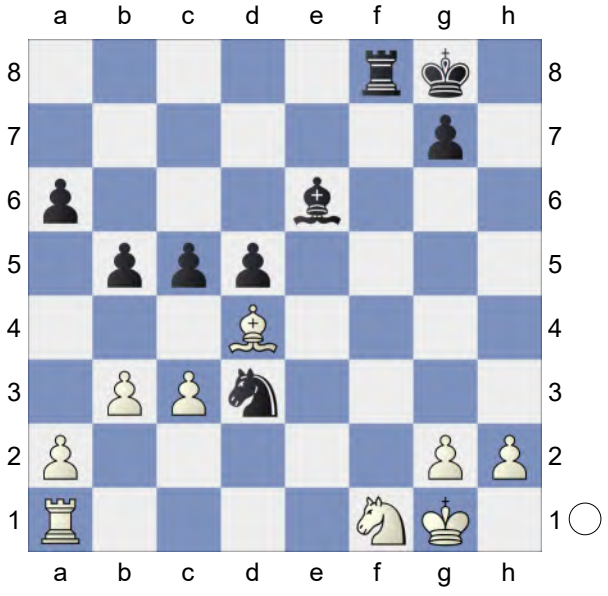
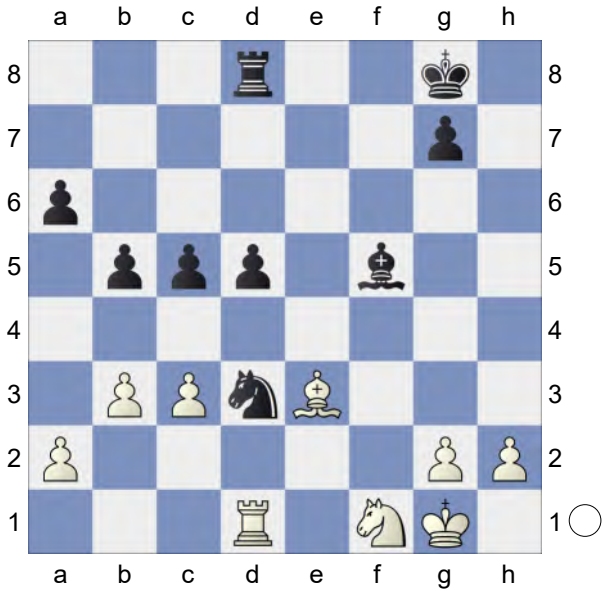


Threatens to win with ...Bg4. Black has some pressure. **21.Be3** And now Bc5 would win. **21...Bg4 22.Qe1 Qe6 23.Bd4 Nd3 24.Qxe6+ Bxe6 25.b3** -1.05/21
[25.b4= 0.07/21 keeps the balance.]
25...c5∓



26.Be3 Rd8 -0.24/19 Black is much more active.
[Better is 26...b4∓ -0.84/21 27.cxb4 d4 *(27...cxb4 28.h4=)*]
27.Rd1=
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22

(precise) /Black=0.33
27...Bf5



Loss on time!?
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104 **C82**
□ **Baroin,Bernard**
■ **Karch,Robert Alfred**
corr 1985
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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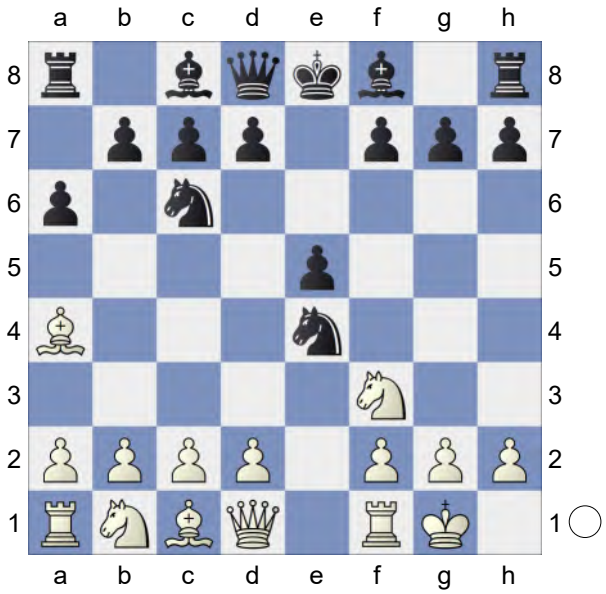
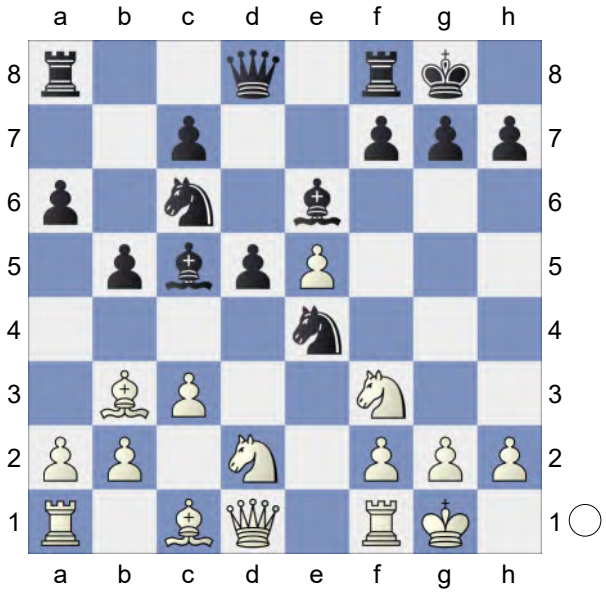


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Nf1 Bxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Ne5

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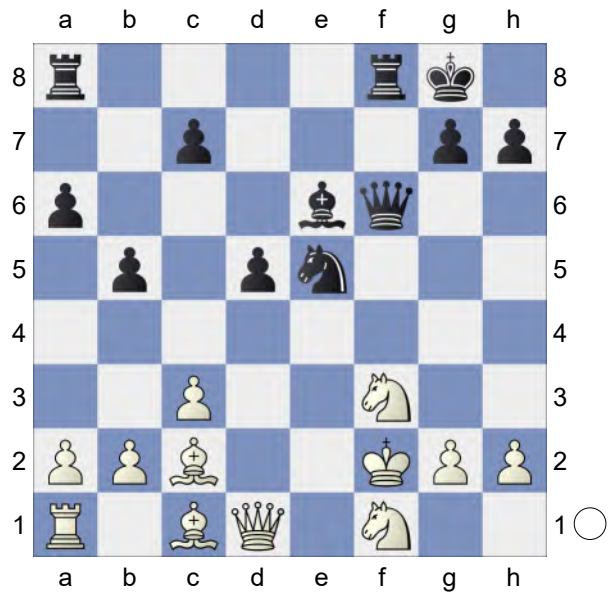
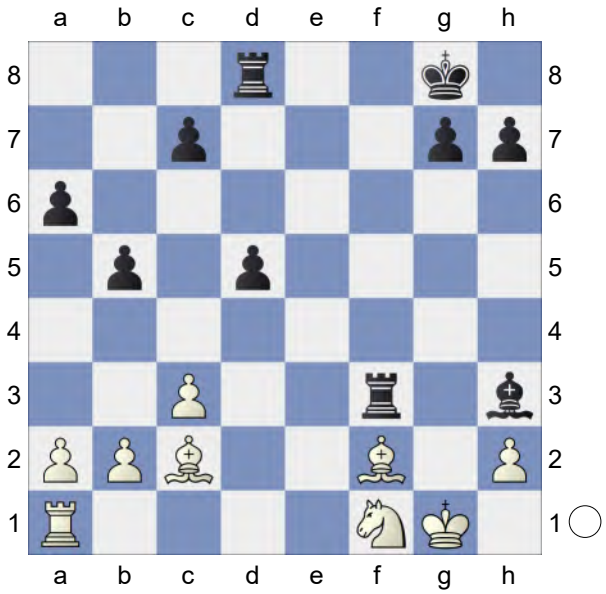
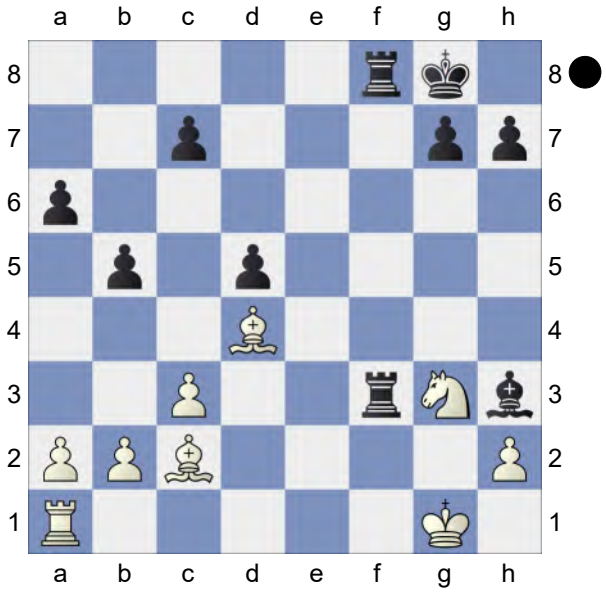


16.Kg1 -0.33/23
[16.Bg5? Qxg5 17.Ng3 Nxf3 18.gxf3 Bg4-+]
[White should play 16.Be3!= 0.24/23]
16...Rad8N 0.40/21
[16...Nxf3+∓ -0.33/23 17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Rxf3 19.Be3 *(19.Bd1 Rf7 20.Bh5 g6 21.Be2 Re8 22.Bh6 Bh3 23.Ne3 g5 24.Bh5 Rxe3 25.Bxf7+ Kxf7 26.Kf2 Re5 27.Kg3 Kg6 28.Bf8 g4 29.Kh4 Rh5+ 30.Kg3 Rf5* 0-1 9.d5 ♘g4 10.♗g5 f6 11.♗h-Guelden,R (ch) Belarus 1994*)* 19...Bh3 20.Bd4 Re8 21.Ng3 Re6 22.b4 g6 23.a4 *(23.Rc1 h5 24.Nh1 Re2 25.Nf2 Bf5 26.Bxf5 Rxf5 27.Ra1 g5 28.a4 g4 29.axb5 axb5 30.Ra7 Re7 31.Rb7 h4 32.Nxg4 Re6 33.Kg2 c6 34.Rg7+ Kf8 35.Rh7 Re4 36.Rxh4 Rff4 37.Kg3 Ke7* 1-0 (44) Van Perlo,G-Schmidt,J Wch4 sf08 corr ICCF 1958*)* 23...h5 24.Bb3 c6 25.axb5 axb5 26.Nh1 Re4 ½-½ Cilloniz Razzeto,A (2307)-Rasmussen,E (2344) corr VWC6/pr35 2013]
17.Be3± **Nxf3+** White is slightly better.
18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 Bh3



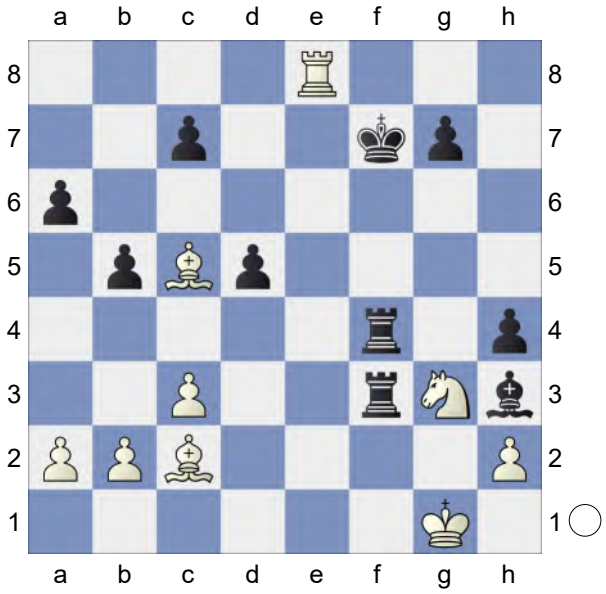
21.Ng3 White has compensation.
21...Rdf8 22.Bd4



h5! 23.Bc5! A strong pair of Bishops.
[23.Nxh5? Rf1+ 24.Rxf1 Rxf1#]
23...R8f4 and ...h4 should not be overlooked **24.Re1** Black must now prevent Bg6!.
[24.Nxh5? Rf1+ 25.Rxf1 Rxf1#]
24...h4↑ Black has the initiative. Now White is beyond hope. **25.Re8+?** -3.81/19
[25.Bd1= -0.13/21 and White has

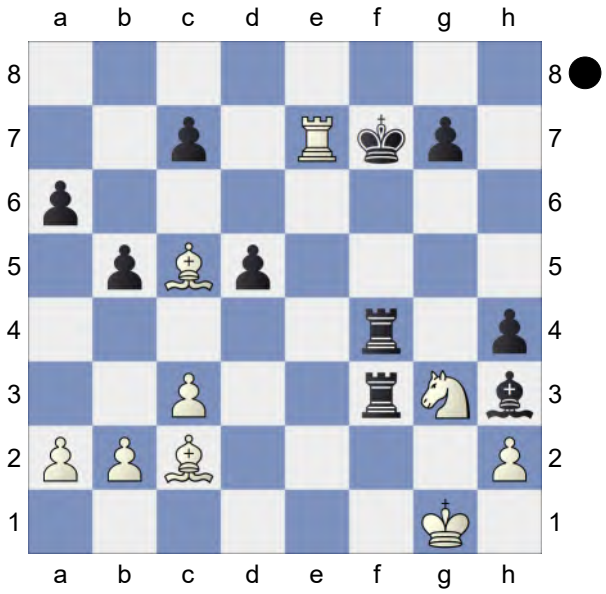
nothing to worry. hxg3 26.Re8+ Rf8 27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.hxg3]

25...Kf7-+



(-> ...Rf1+) **26.Re7+** -4.99/30

[26.Rf8+ -3.48/18 was necessary. Ke6 27.Rxf4 Rxf4 28.Bf2]



26...Kf6! (-> ...Rf1+!) **27.Nh5+ Kg5 28.Rxg7+ Kxh5 29.Rh7+ Kg5**

[Not 29...Kg4 30.Bd1∓]

30.Be7+ Rf6!

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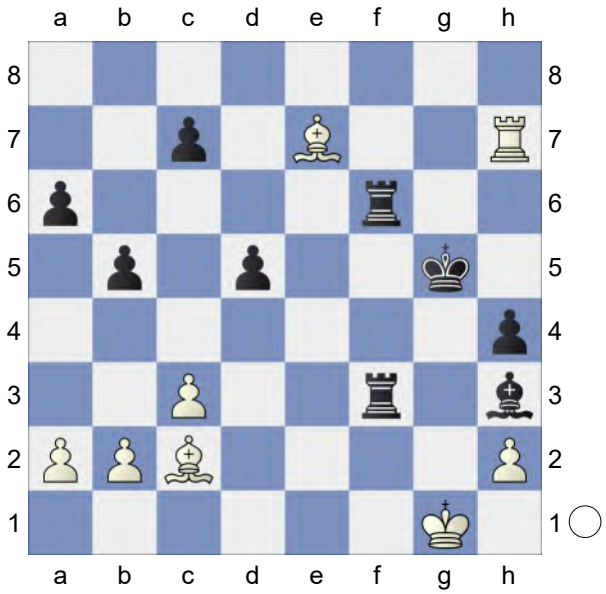


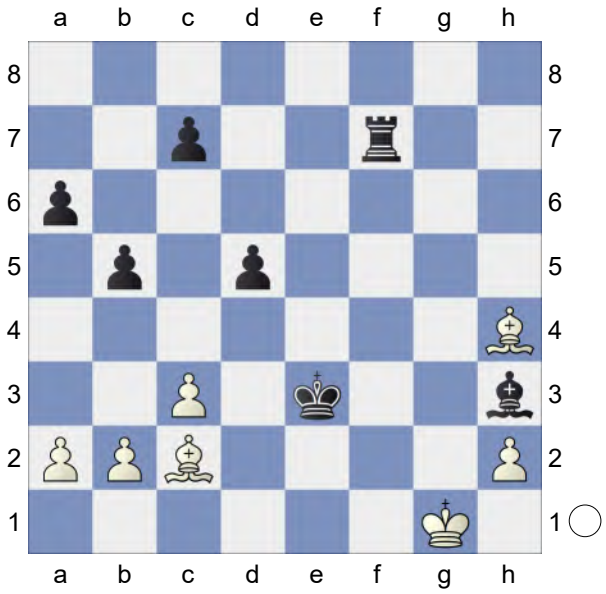
31.Rg7+ -8.35/19

[⌓31.Bxf6+ -5.14/17 Kxf6 32.Rh6+ Kf7 33.Bd3 Rxd3 34.Kf2]

31...Kf4 32.Kh1 Rf1+ 33.Rg1 Rxg1+ 34.Kxg1 Rf7 35.Bxh4

Weighted Error Value: White=1.11/ Black=0.05 (flawless)

35...Ke3



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105 **C82**
□ **T,Ivan**
■ **Jussupow,Artur**
(izt) 39/412 1985
[TA]

Jussupow,A: 'Inf 39/412'
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
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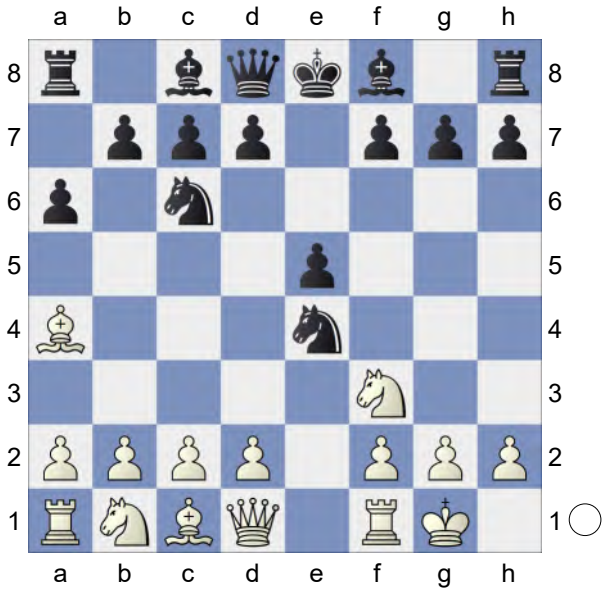

6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

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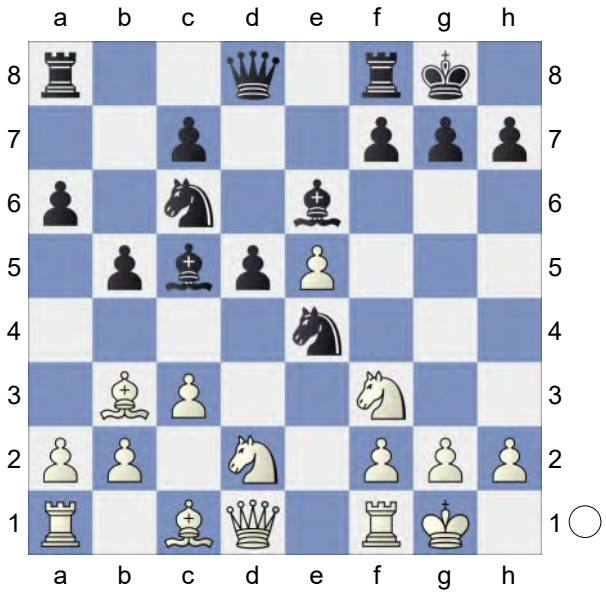
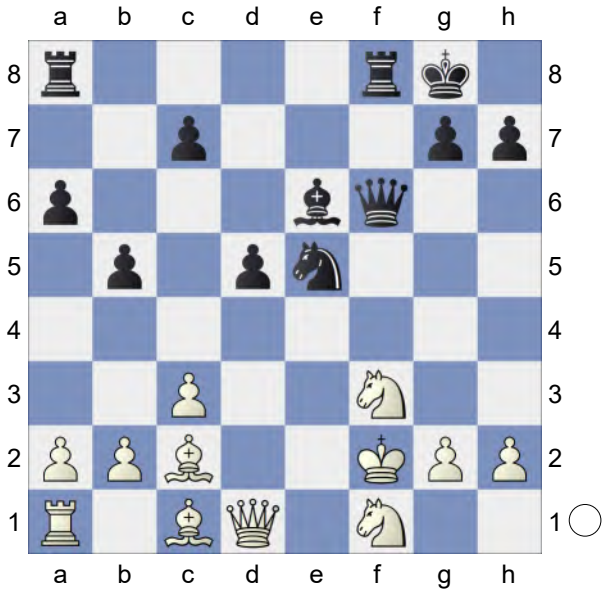


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nf1! Ne5



16.Kg1 -0.17/23
[⌓16.Be3!]
[16.Bg5? Qxg5 17.Qc1 Qh4+ *(17...Nxf3? 18.Qxg5 Nxg5+ 19.Kg1-+)* 18.Kg1 Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Rxf3-+]
[16.Be3!± 0.39/21]
16...Nxf3+= 17.gxf3 Qxf3 The position is equal. **18.Qxf3**
[18.Be3 keeps more tension. Bh3 19.Qxf3 Rxf3 20.Bc5 *(20.Bd4 Re8*

21.Ng3 Re6 22.b4 g6 23.a4 h5 24.Bb3 c6 25.axb5 axb5 26.Nh1 Re4 ½-½ Cilloniz Razzeto,A (2307)-Rasmussen,E (2344) corr VWC6/pr35 2013 *)*]

18...Rxf3 19.Bd1

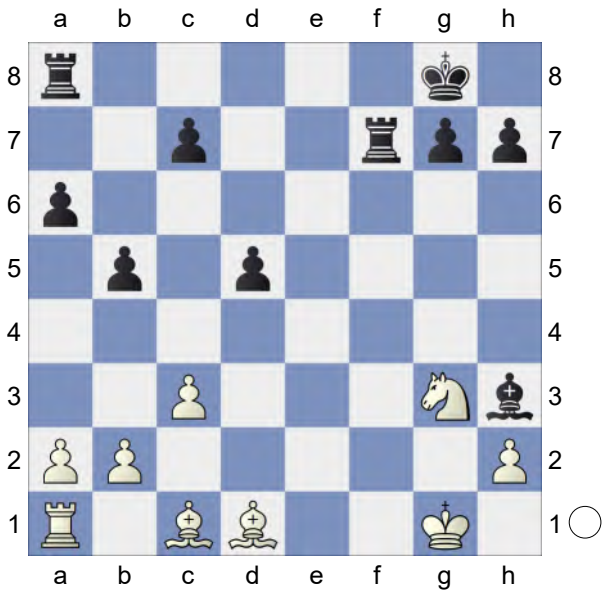
[19.Be3 Bh3 20.Bc5 Re8∓]

19...Rf7 20.Ng3N

[20.Be3 Bh3 21.Bb3 c6! 22.Bd4 Re8∓ Ü 30/279 Jussupow,A: '— 30/279'. Against Re1]

[20.Bh5 g6 21.Be2 Re8 22.Bh6 Bh3 23.Ne3 g5 24.Bh5 Rxe3 25.Bxf7+ Kxf7 26.Kf2 Re5 27.Kg3 Kg6 28.Bf8 g4 29.Kh4 Rh5+ 30.Kg3 Rf5 0-1 9.d5 ♘g4 10.♗g5 f6 11.♗h-Guelden,R (ch) Belarus 1994]

20...Bh3



21.Be2 Re8 22.Bd2! c5↑ Black is pushing. **23.Bf1** -1.38/21

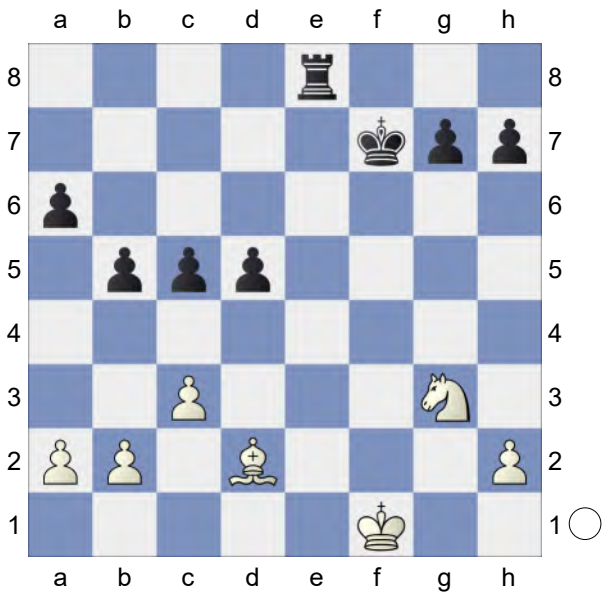
[23.a4? -1.98/23 23.Re1 -0.46 bxa4! 24.Bxa6 *(24.Rxa4?? -6.13/21* 24.Bg5 -1.83 *Rxe2!-+)* 24...c4∓]

[23.b4= -0.17/21]

23...Bxf1∓ 24.Rxf1 Rxf1+

[24...g6? -0.48/22 24...Rxf1+ -1.31 25.Rd1!=]

25.Kxf1 Kf7!



26.Kf2 Ke6 27.Be3 Rf8+!? -1.04/19

[27...Rc8 28.Nh5 -2.34/20 *(28.Ke2∓* -1.23/20 *)* 28...g6? -0.67/20 *(*Better is *28...Ke5!-+* -2.34/20 *29.Nxg7 d4)* 29.Nf4+∓ Kd6 30.Nd3∓]

[⌓27...Rc8 -1.53/22 28.Nh5 g6 29.Nf4+ Kd6]

28.Ke2 Kd6 -0.70/19

[28...Rc8∓ -1.12/22 29.Nh5 g6 30.Nf4+ Kd6]

29.Nh5 -1.66/23

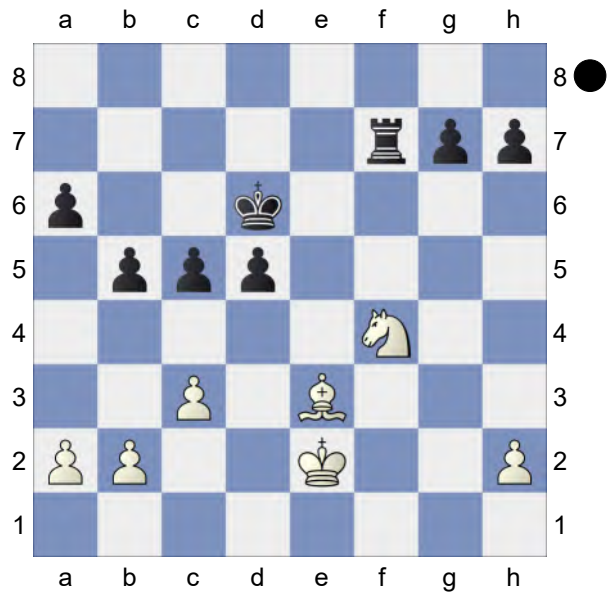
[White should try 29.a3!∓ -0.70/19]

29...Rf7!-+

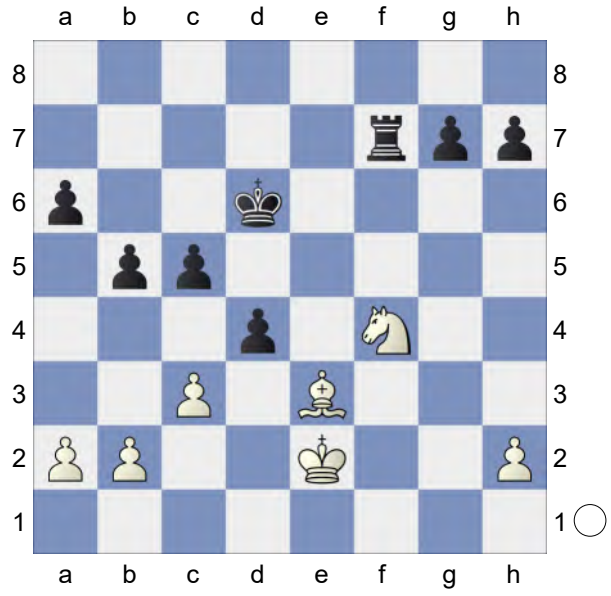
[29...g5? -0.40/21 29...Rf7 -1.70 30.Bxg5! Rf5 31.Bf4+? -1.79/24 *(31.h4=* -0.22/22 and White has nothing to worry.*)* 31...Kd7 -0.90/16 *(31...Kc6-+* -1.79/24 *32.Kf3 a5)* 32.Kf3!∓ Rxh5? 1.72/17 *(32...d4!∓* -0.87/22 keeps the pressure on. *33.Ng3 dxc3 34.bxc3 Rf7)* 33.Kg4+- Morovic Fernandez,I]

30.Nf4

(Diagram)

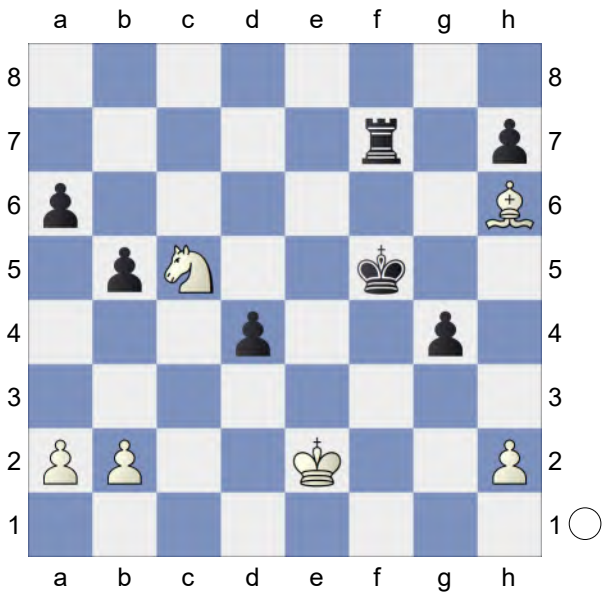


d4!



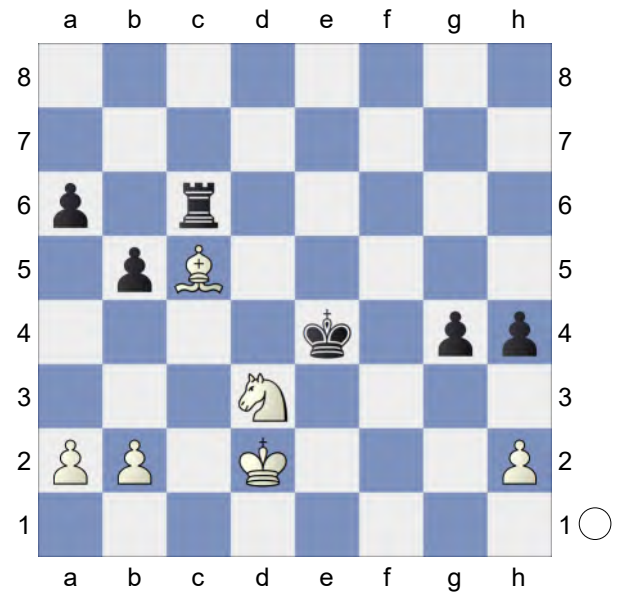
31.cxd4 cxd4 32.Bd2 g5
[32...Ke5!?]
33.Nd3 g4
[⌓33...h6∓]
34.Bh6
[34.Be1!∓]
34...Ke6 35.Nc5+
[35.Bf4! -3.24/21 35.Nf2 -2.25 Δ ♗g3]
35...Kf5

(Diagram)

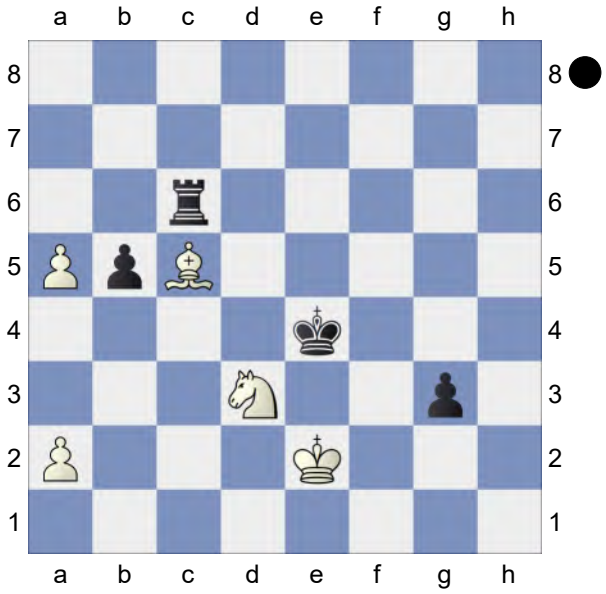


36.Nd3
[36.Nxa6?? -7.78/18 36.Nd3 -2.72 Rf6-+]
36...Rc7
[36...Rf6 37.Bf4! h5 38.Bg3 Kg5? -1.12/22 *(38...Ke4-+ -2.96/20 39.Kd2 a5 40.Nf2+ Kd5)* 39.Nc5!= -1.56/20 *(⌓39.Bf2 -1.12/22)*]
37.Kd2 Rc6 38.Bg7
[38.Bf4! Ke4 39.Bg3 Kf3?? 4.87/21 *(39...h5-+* -2.60/21 and life is good for Black. *40.Ne1 Rh6)* 40.Ne1+∓ -2.46/5 *(40.Ne5++-* 4.87/21 was the only winning move. *Kg2 41.Nxc6)*]
38...h5! 39.Bxd4 Ke4 40.Bc5 h4!∓

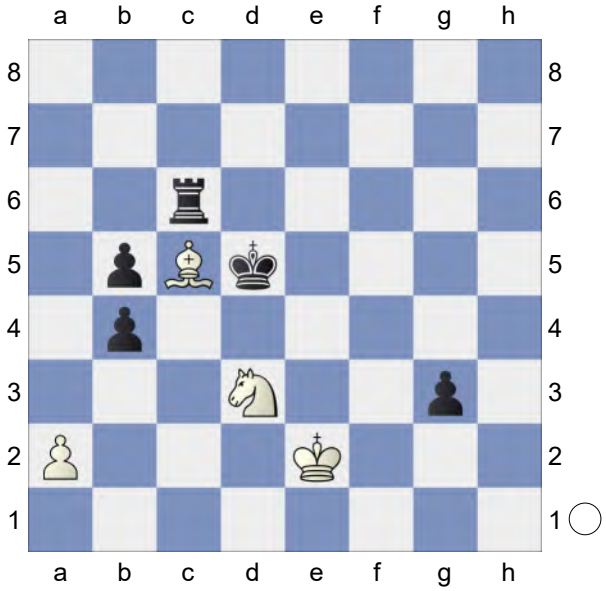
(Diagram)



41.Ke2? -4.92/23
[41.b4 -2.71/22]
41...a5 -2.77/21
[41...g3 42.hxg3 hxg3 43.b4
A) 43...Rc8 -1.72/20 43...g2 -3.99 44.a3? -3.40/24 *(44.Ne1* -1.72/20 is a better defense.) 44...Rc6⊙ -1.32/22 *(44...g2-+* -3.40/24 *45.Nf2+ Kd5)* 45.Ne1∓ Rf6 Δ ♔d5-c4∓;
B) ⌓43...g2! -4.14/23 44.Nf2+ Kd5;
C) 43...a5!? -2.46/19]
[⌓41...g3 -4.92/23 42.hxg3 hxg3]
42.Nf2+-+ Kd5 43.b4 g3 -1.09/19
[43...axb4-+ -3.59/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 44.Be3 Rc2+ 45.Kd1 Rxa2 46.Nxg4 b3]
44.hxg3∓ hxg3 Loses the game.
45.Nd3 -3.07/25
[45.Ng4? -5.45/24 45.Nd1 -0.76 Ke4 46.Ne3 axb4 47.Bxb4 Rh6∓]
[45.Nd1∓ -0.79/21 is the only way for White.]
45...axb4-+
[45...Ke4 -1.57/21 45...axb4 -3.39 46.bxa5? -6.40/25 *(46.a4?* -4.87/20 46.Ne1 -1.18 *bxa4* White must now prevent ...axb4. *47.b5 Rh6-+; 46.Ne1∓* -1.57/21 *)*



46...g2!-+ 47.a6 g1Q 48.Bxg1 Rc2+ 49.Kd1 Kxd3 50.a7 Rxa2 51.Kc1 b4 52.Kb1 b3 53.Bf2 Kc4⊙ 54.Be3 Kc3-+]



46.Be3 -4.36/21
[46.Bxb4? -5.50/18 46.Bg1 -2.58 Rc2+ 47.Bd2 Nb4+ is the strong threat. Kd4-+]
[⌓46.Bg1 -2.80/18 Rc2+ 47.Kd1]
46...Rc2+ 47.Kd1 Rc3

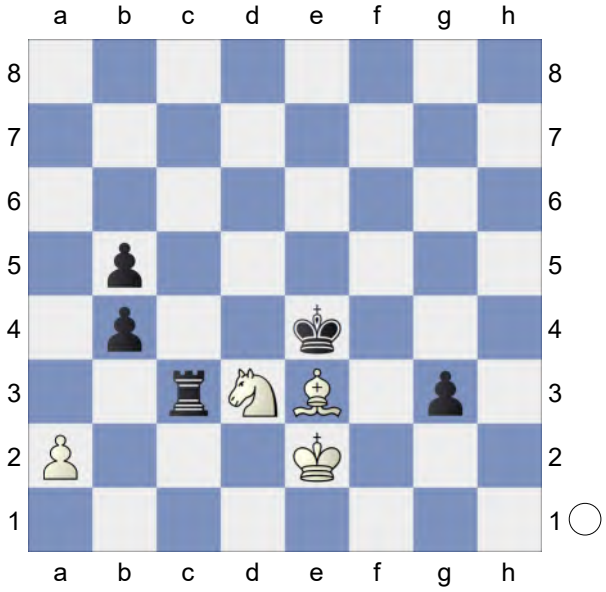
[47...Rxa2 48.Nxb4+ Ke4 49.Nxa2∓]

48.Ke2

[48.Nxb4+? -7.06/23 48.Ke2 -3.64 Kc4 49.Nc2 Kd3-+]

48...Ke4 Black is clearly winning.

49.Nc5+ Kf5 50.Nd3 Ke4⊕



51.Nc5+ Kd5 52.Nd3 Rc2+ 53.Kd1 Rh2-+

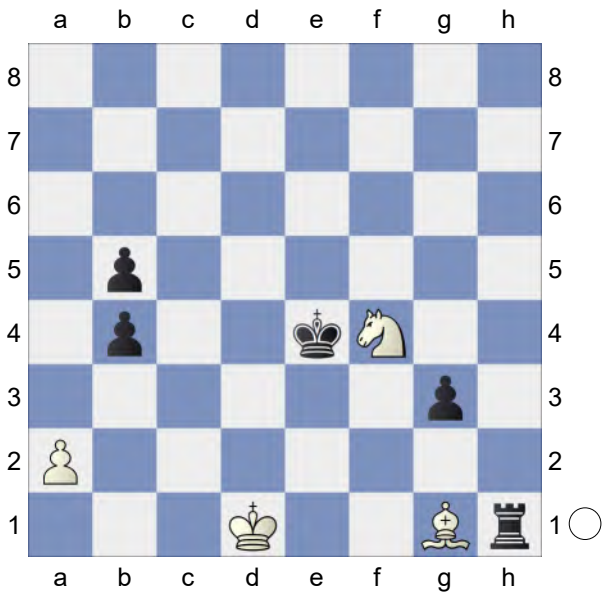
[Inferior is 53...Rxa2 54.Nxb4+ Ke4 55.Nxa2=]

54.Bg1 Rh1

[54...Rxa2? loses. 55.Nxb4+ Ke4 56.Nxa2+-]

55.Nf4+ Ke4

(Diagram)



56.Ne2

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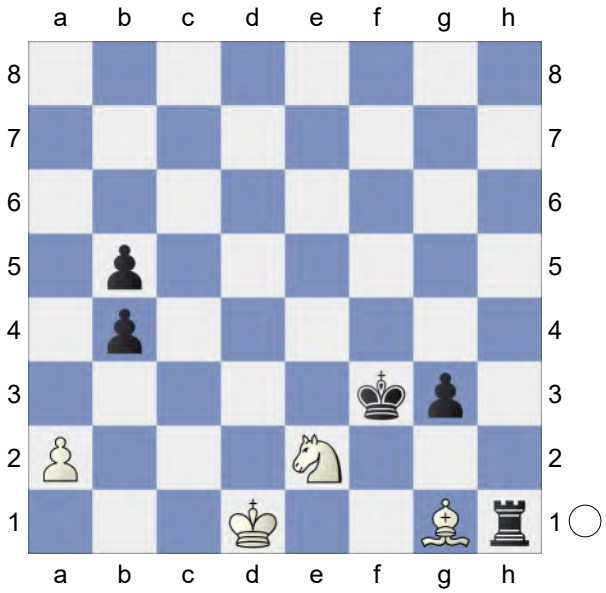
56...Kf3

[56...Kf3 57.Kd2 Rh2!]



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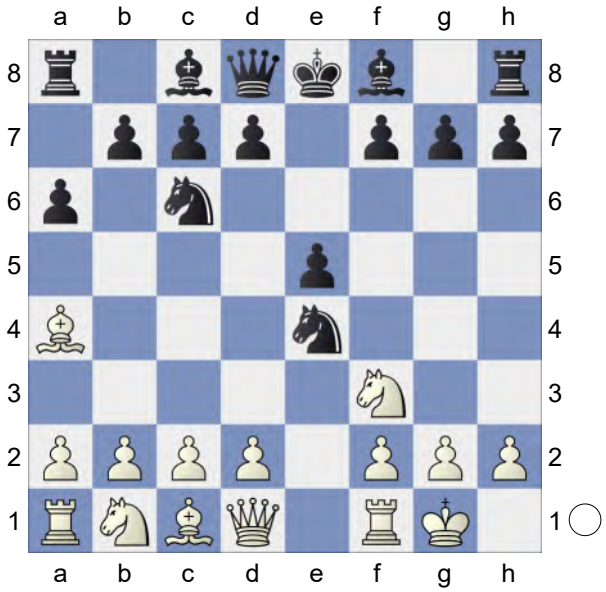
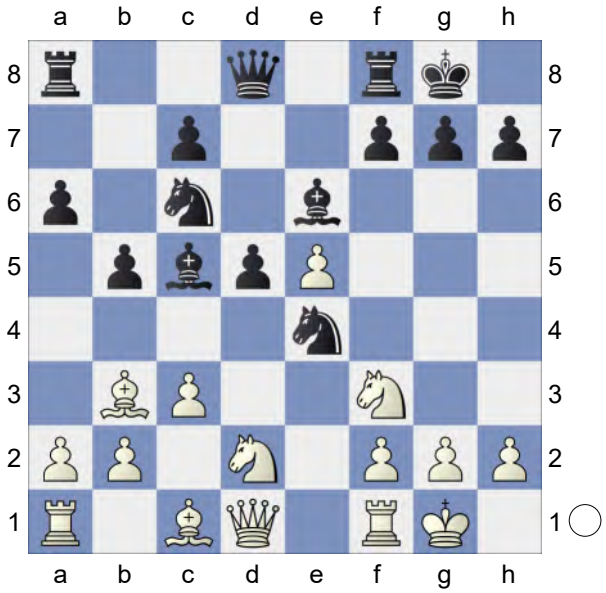
106 **C82**
□ **Grabner,Helmut**
■ **Zerbe,Klaus**
corr 1984
[Grabner,H]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



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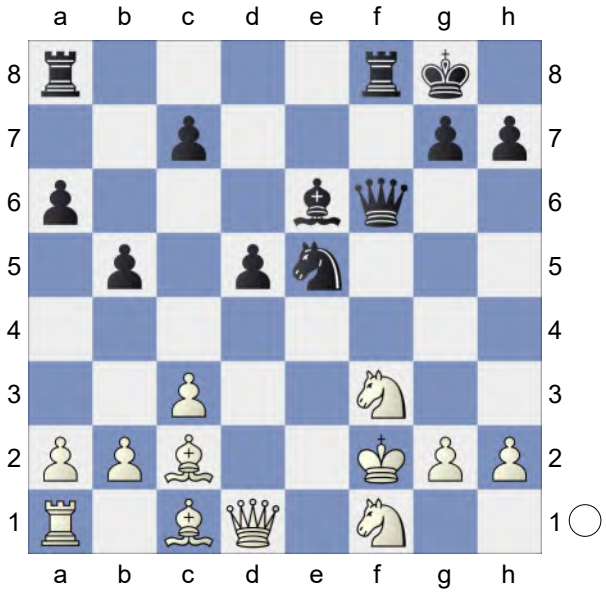
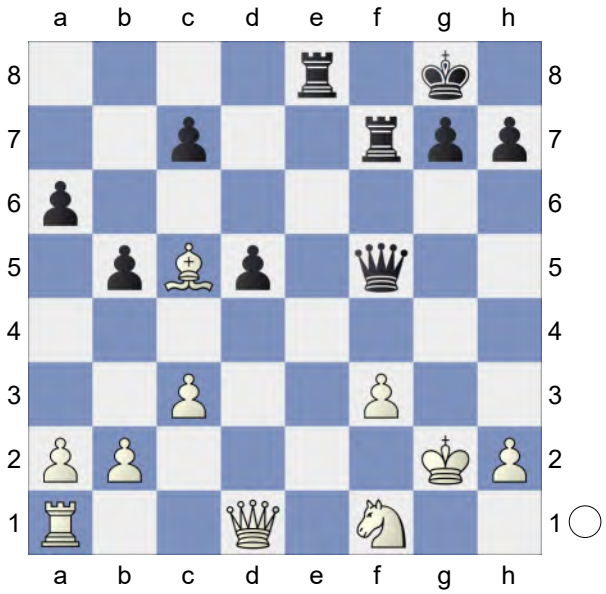
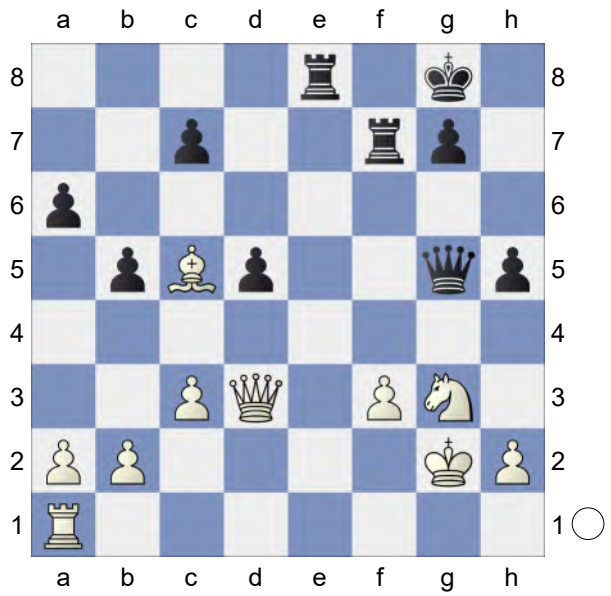


16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5! A strong pair of Bishops. **17...Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7** The board is on fire. **19.Kg2 Bf5** 1.48/21
[19...d4= 0.00/22 20.Bxd4 *(20.Qxd4? Qxf3+ 21.Kg1 Bd5-+)* 20...Qg5+ 21.Ng3 c5]
20.Bxf5!± Qxf5



21.Ng3 Qg5 22.Qd3 d4N 1.96/21
[22...h5 2.11/19 22...c6 1.68
(Diagram)



23.h4! Qxh4 Hoping for ...Qg5. 24.Rh1! Qc4 25.Qxc4 bxc4 26.Rxh5 Rd7 27.Rh2± 1.53/18 (*27.Nf5*+- 2.58/19) 27...Rb8 28.Kh3 Rb5 29.Ba3 Rf7 30.Kg4 Rb6 31.f4 Re6 32.Ne2 Re4 33.Kf3 Re8 34.Rh5 c6 35.Rg5 Rf6 36.Rg2 Kf7 37.Bc5 Rh8 38.Bd4 Rh3+ 39.Kf2 Rg6 40.Ng3 Rg4 41.Kf3 Rg6 42.Rg1 1-0 (63) Rossmann,E (2490)-Roofthoofd,M (2415) 39/37 Reggio Emilia 1984 Rh2 43.Bf2 Rh8 44.Rd1 Rb8 45.Rd2 Rh6 46.Bd4 Re6 47.Bf2 Re7 48.Nf5 Re6 49.a4 Rf6 50.Ng3 Re6 51.Bc5 Re1 52.Kf2 Ra1 53.Ba3 Rh8 54.Kg2 Re1 55.Nf1 Re4 56.Rf2 Kf6 57.Nd2 1-0 (63) Ilincic,Z (2490)-Todorovic,G (2415) YUG-ch Kladovo 1990]

[22...c6± 1.56/17 23.Bd4 Qh4]

23.Bxd4+-

[23.cxd4 Re3 24.Qf1 Rexf3 25.Qxf3 Rxf3 26.Kxf3 Qd2±]

23...c5 24.Bg1 0.00/20

[24.Bf2±]

[24.Bf2+- 2.08/24]

24...c4 0.91/22

[24...Rd8!=]

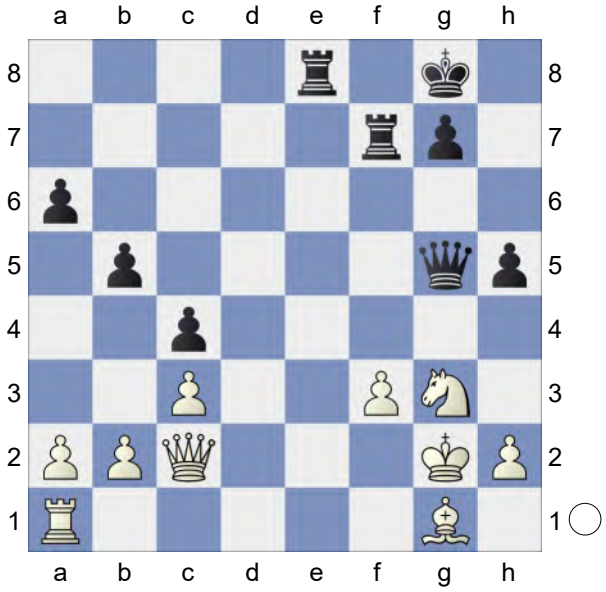
[24...Rd8!= 0.00/20 25.Qf1 Rd2+ 26.Kh1 Rxb2]

25.Qc2?! 0.07/19

[25.Qd6±]

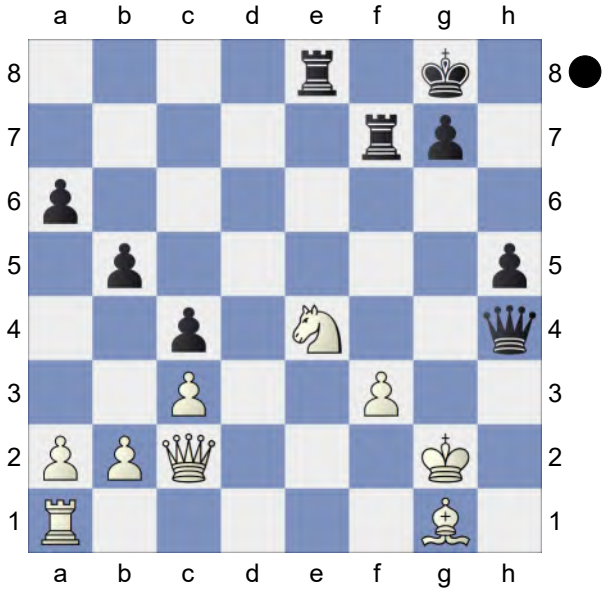
[White should try 25.Qd4± 0.91/22]

25...h5↑



Black is more active. **26.h4! Qxh4 27.Ne4** -3.45/19

[27.Qg6= 0.30/19]



Dodges Qg5+ **27...Re6!-+ 28.Qf2?? Rg6+**

[28...Qxe4 29.fxe4 Rxf2+ 30.Kxf2±

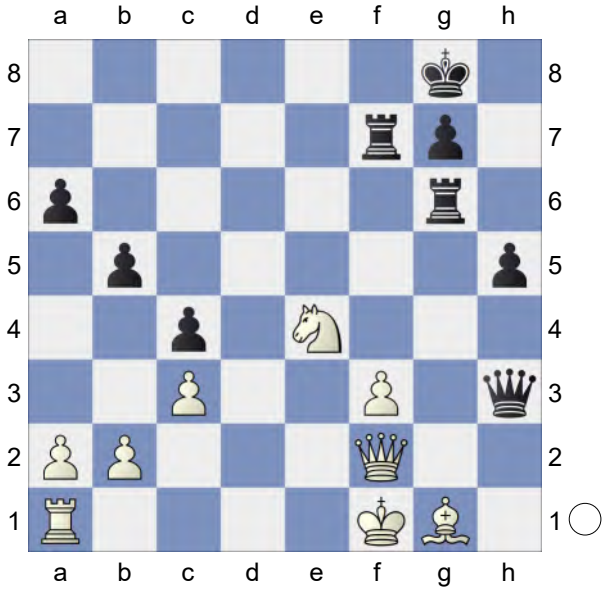
(30.Bxf2 Rxe4 31.Kf3 Re5+-)]

29.Kf1? -6.64/20

[29.Ng3 -3.73/20 Qf4 30.Bh2]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=0.24 (precise)

29...Qh3+



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107 **C82**

□ **Stojanovic,N**

■ **Estrin,Yakov Borisovich**

corr_161925 1981

[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

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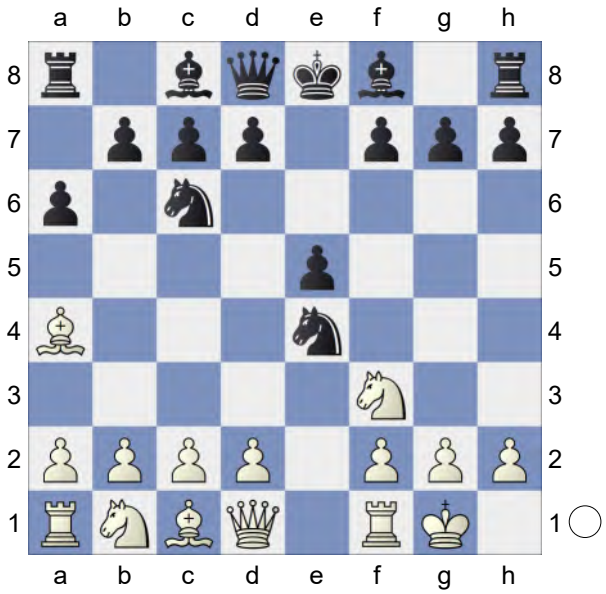
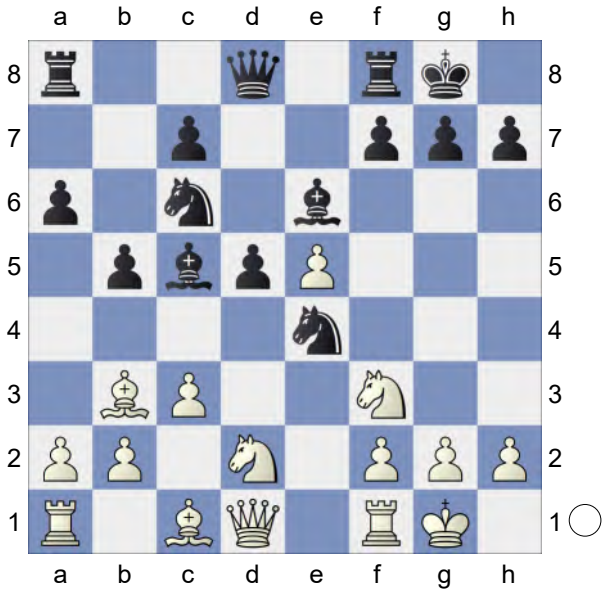


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



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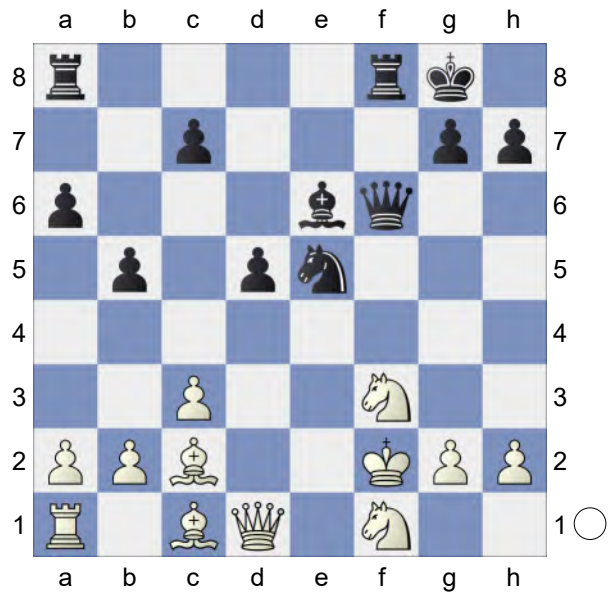
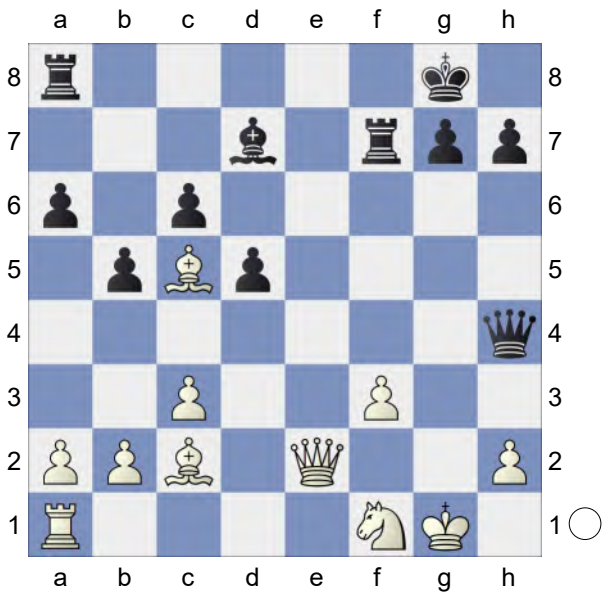
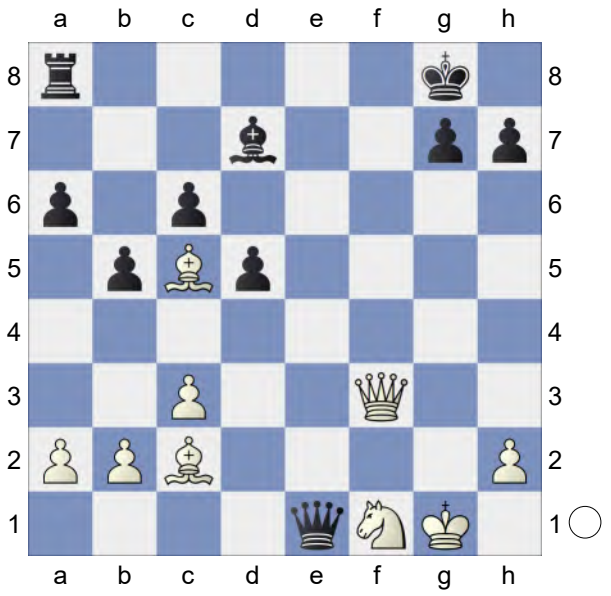


16.Be3
[16.Bg5? Qxg5 17.Ne3 Rae8-+]
16...Nxf3
[16...Rae8 seems wilder. 17.Bc5 Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7]
17.gxf3 Qh4+N 1.45/21
[17...Rae8!± 0.45/19]
[17...Rf7 18.Kg2 Re8 19.f4 Bf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Ng3 Qe6 22.Bd2 d4 23.Qf3 C 82/11 2000]
18.Kg1± c6 White is clearly better.
19.Bc5 Rf7 1.80/19
[19...Bh3± 1.02/19 is a better defense.]
20.Qe2+- Bd7

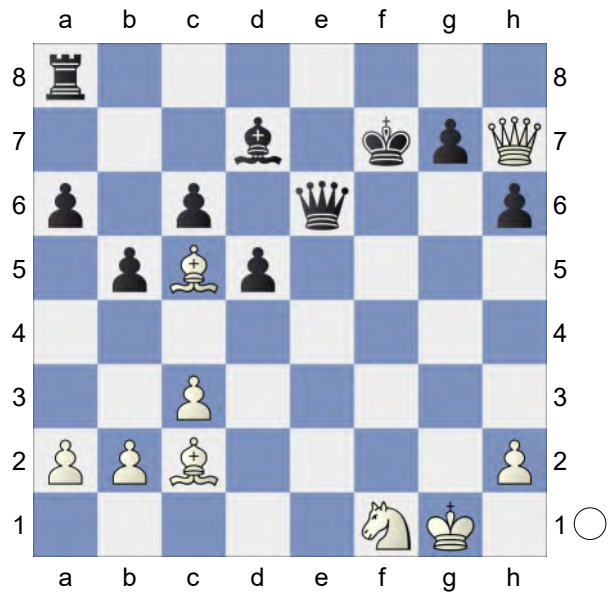
(Diagram)



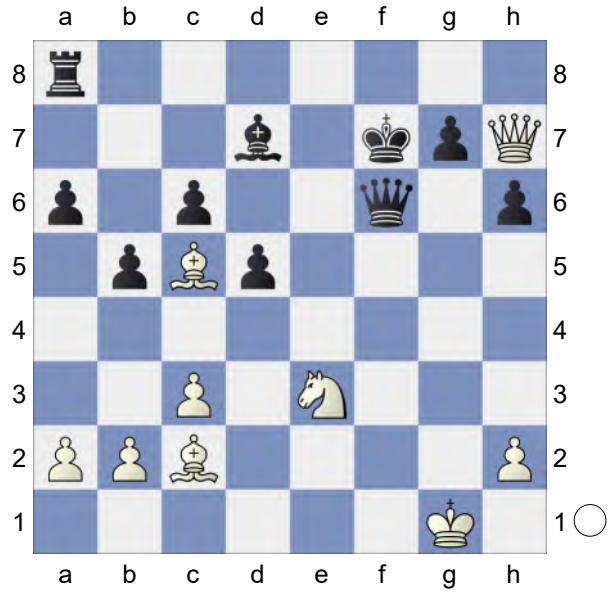
21.Re1 0.83/16
[21.Ne3!+- 1.92/22]
21...Rxf3± Deflection **22.Qxf3 Qxe1**



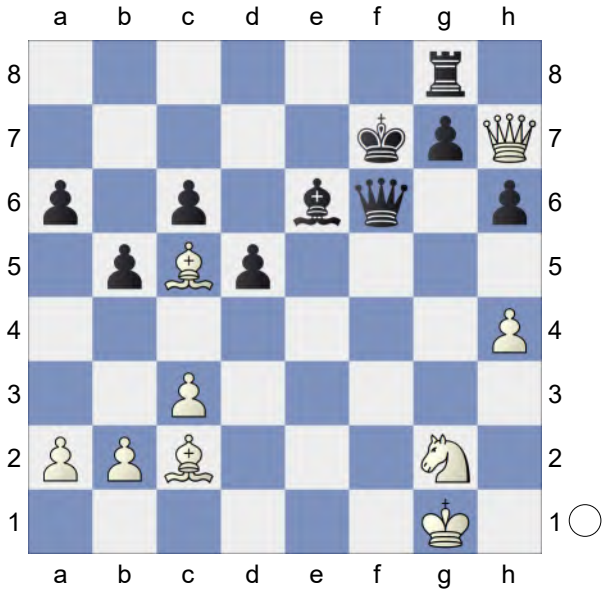
23.Qh5! Prevents Qh4 **23...h6**
24.Qg6→ White has strong compensation. Black is in trouble. A mistake that costs the game.
24...Qe6? 2.94/20 Black is weak on the dark squares
[24...Bh3± 0.97/23 25.Qh7+ *(25.Qxc6? Qxf1#)* 25...Kf7 26.Bg6+ Ke6]
25.Qh7++- Kf7



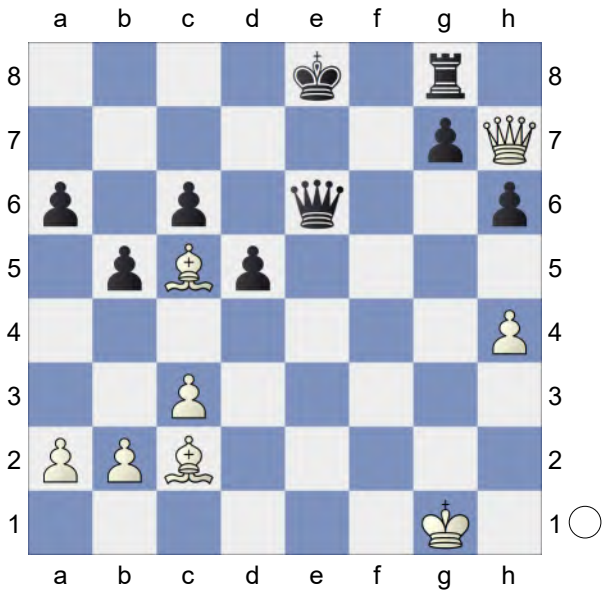
26.Ne3 Dodges Qg4+ **26...Qf6**



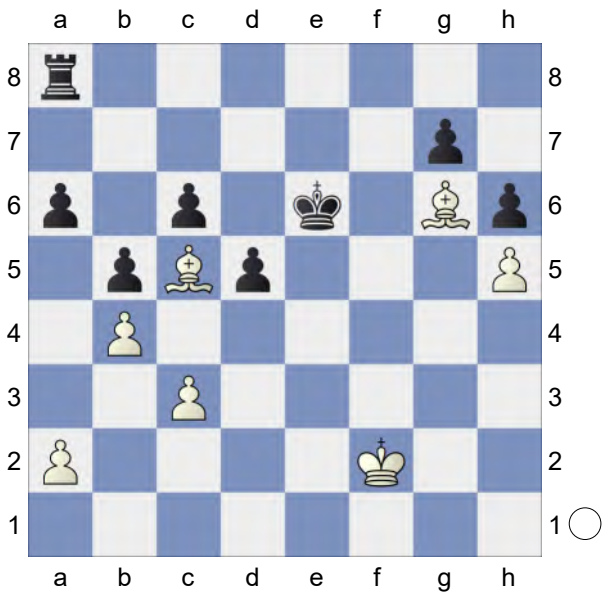
27.h4!
[Stronger than 27.Bd4 Qg5+ 28.Kh1 *(28.Ng2 Bh3∓)* 28...Rd8=]
27...Rg8 4.38/19
[⌓27...Re8 2.86/19 28.Bd4 Re5 29.Qg6+ *(29.Bxe5 Qxe5 30.Qg6+ Ke7±)* 29...Qxg6+ 30.Bxg6+ Ke6 31.Bxe5 Kxe5]
28.Ng2 Be6 6.14/18
[⌓28...Rf8 4.22/18 29.Bd4 Qd6 30.Bxg7 Ke8 31.Bxh6 *(31.Bxf8 Qxf8 32.Qd3 Kd8+-; 31.Qg6+ Qxg6 32.Bxg6+ Ke7+-)* 31...Bf5]



29.Nf4! White threatens Bg6+ and mate. Deflection **29...Ke8 30.Nxe6 Qxe6**



31.Qg6+ Qxg6+ 32.Bxg6+ A strong pair of Bishops. **32...Kd7 33.h5 Ke6** 3.81/23
[⌓33...a5 2.49/21 34.Kf2 Rb8]
34.Kf2 Threatens to win with Ke3.
34...Rb8? 4.29/22
[34...a5 2.61/21 35.Kf3 b4 36.cxb4 axb4 37.Bxb4 Ra8]
35.b4 Ra8



36.Ke3 a5 37.a3

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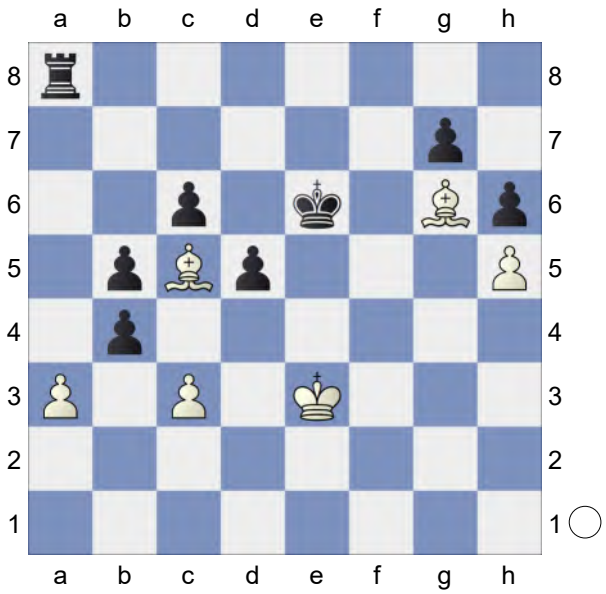
37...axb4



Loss on time!?

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108 **C82**

□ **Geller,Efim P**

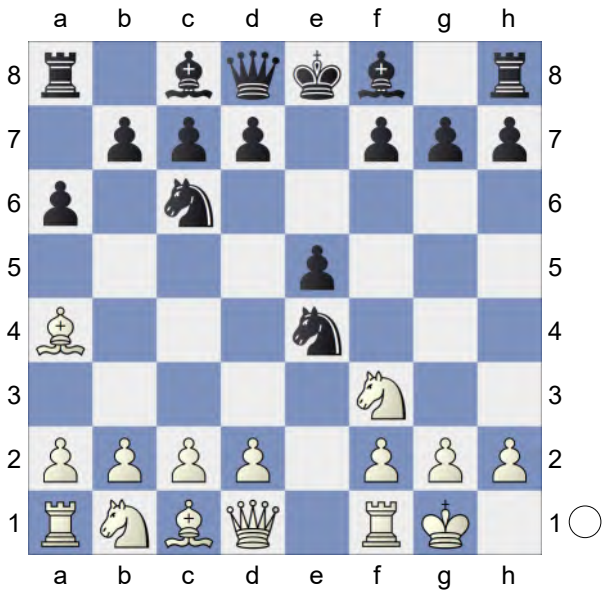
■ **Chekhov,Valery A**

USSR (ch) 30/279 1980

[TA]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 Chekhov,Valery A **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**



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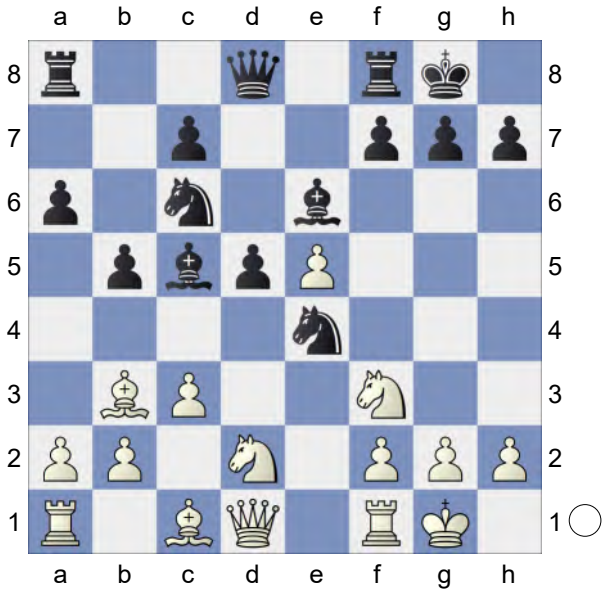

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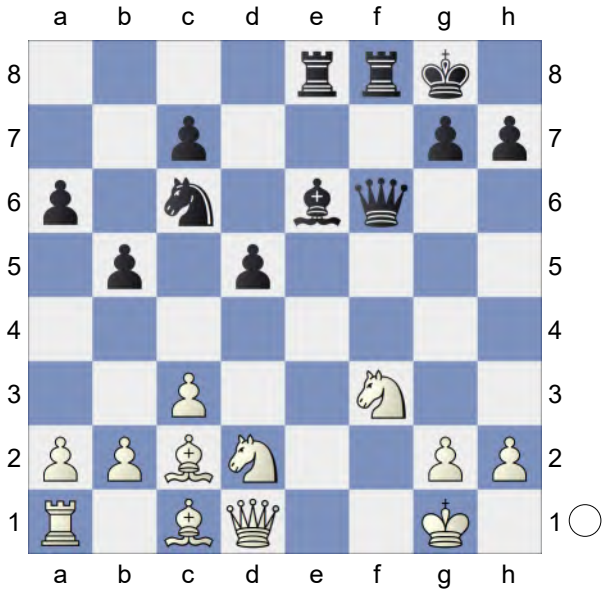
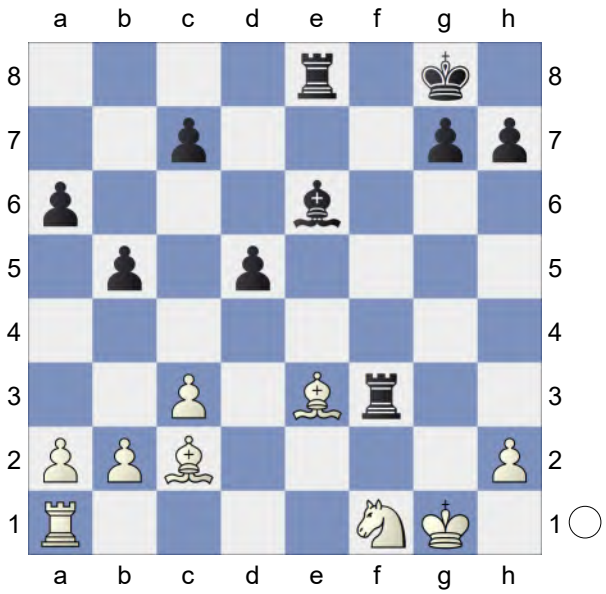
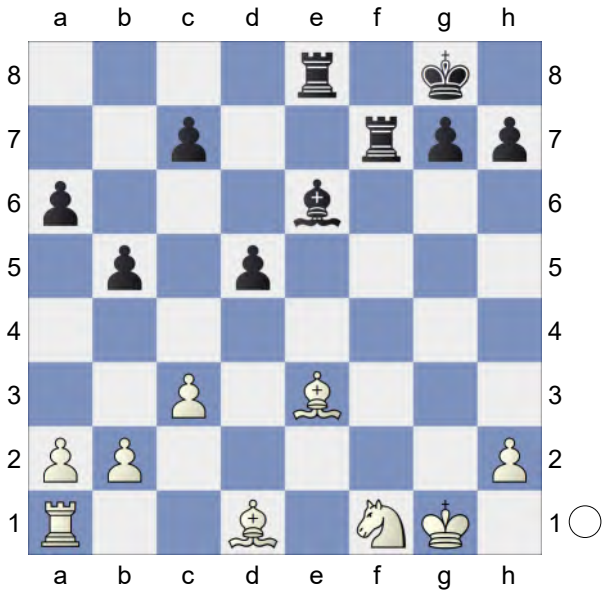


16.Nf1 Ne5 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3

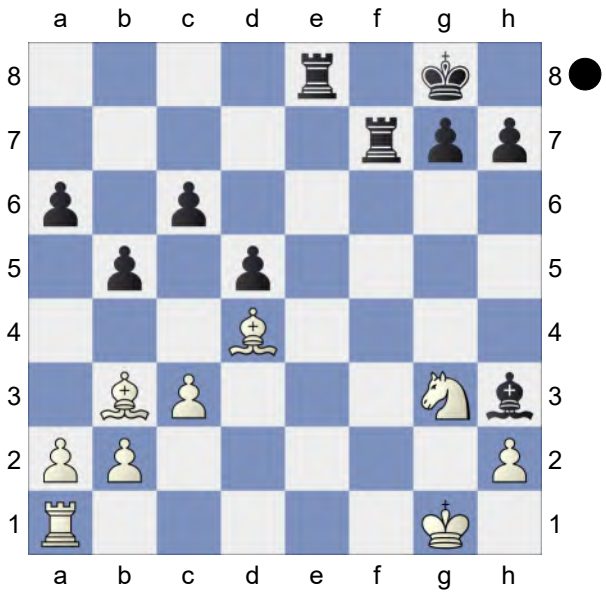


20.Bd1 -0.41/20
[20.Bf2= 0.00/23]
20...Rf7∓

(Diagram)

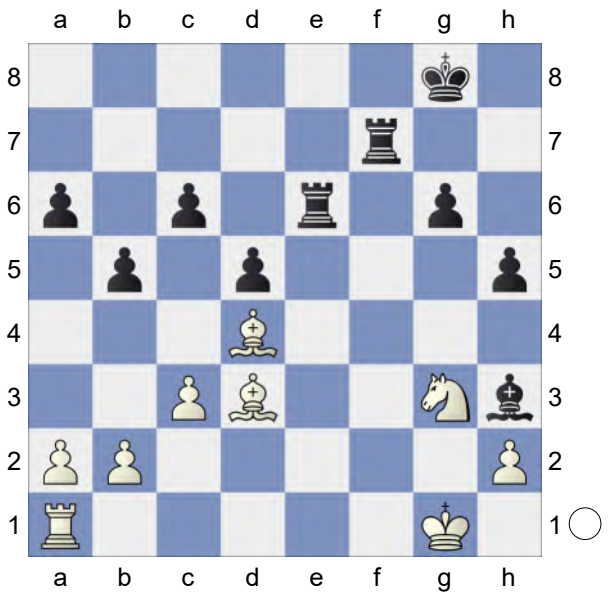


21.Bb3 c6 22.Bd4 Black has an edge.
22...Bh3 23.Ng3 -1.03/20
[23.Ne3∓ -0.63/19]

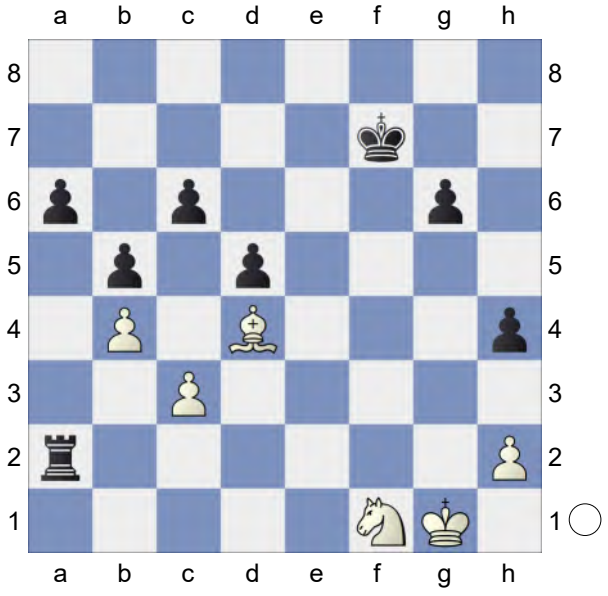


D o d g e s R e 2 **23...g6** -0.37/23
Black is more active.
[Black should play 23...h5!∓ -1.03/20 and ...h4 should not be overlooked 24.Nxh5 Re2]
24.Bc2 Re6 25.Bd3 -0.80/21
[25.a4∓ -0.43/22 might be stronger.]
25...h5↑

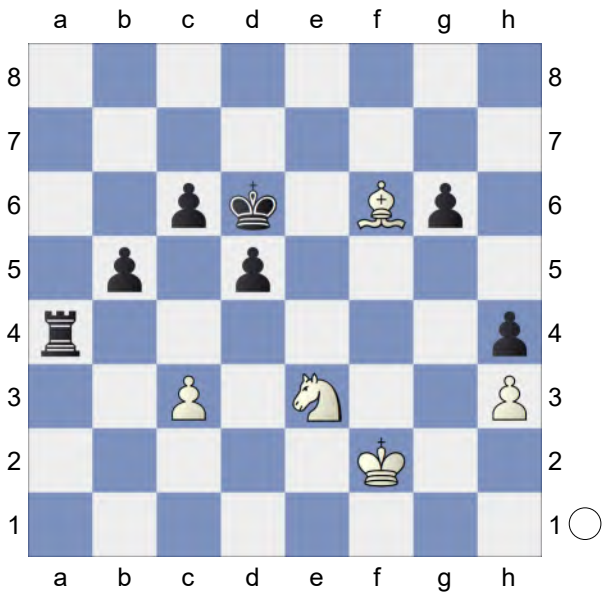
(Diagram)



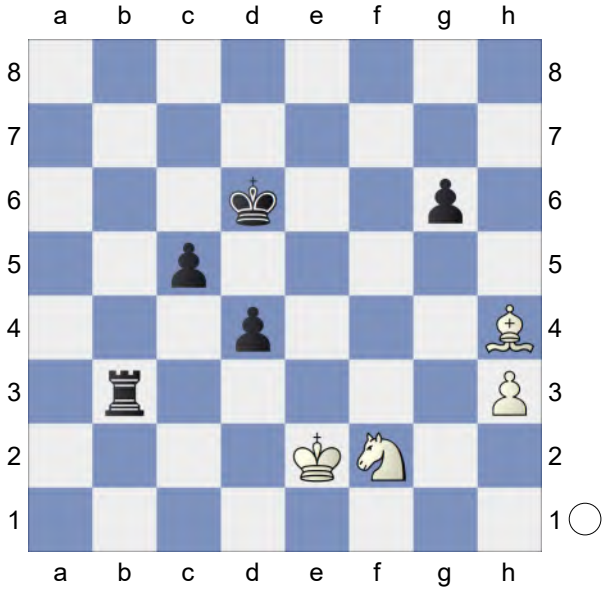
Black is pushing. This move loses the game for White. **26.Bf1** -1.83/20
[26.Nh1!∓ -0.45/20]
26...Bxf1-+ 27.Rxf1 -2.10/19
[27.Nxf1∓ -1.57/18 was called for. Rf4 28.Be3 Rg4+ *(28...Rxf1+ 29.Rxf1 Rxe3 30.Rf6∓)* 29.Kf2]
27...h4 28.Rxf7? -5.13/19
[28.Nh1 -1.87/17]
28...Kxf7 29.Nf1 Re2 30.b4 Rxa2



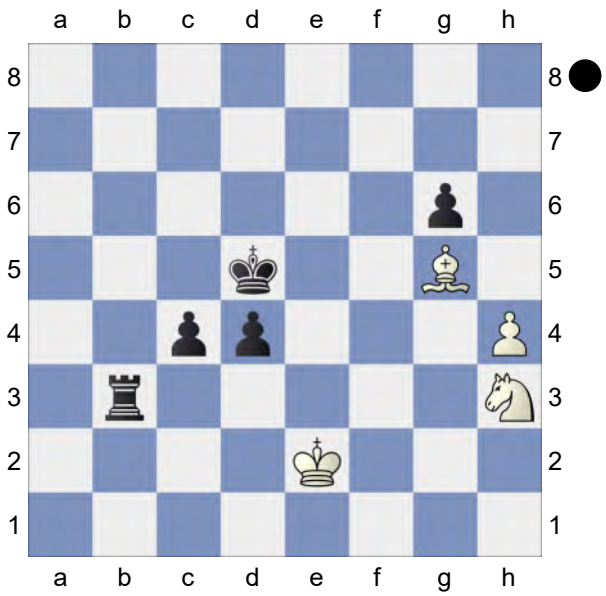
31.h3 Ke6 32.Ne3 a5 33.bxa5 Rxa5 34.Kf2 Kd6 35.Bf6 Ra4
(Diagram)



36.Ke2 b4 37.cxb4 Rxb4 38.Ng4 -6.05/23
[⌓38.Ng2 -4.10/18]
38...Rb3 Black is clearly winning. **39.Nf2 c5 40.Bxh4 d4**



41.Bg5 c4 42.h4 Kd5N
[42...Ke5 43.Nh3 0-1 Peters,T (2565)-Prystenski,A (2410) Calcutta op 1993]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.33
43.Nh3
(Diagram)



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109 **C82**

□ **Yudintsev**

■ **Lopez Esnaola,Benito**

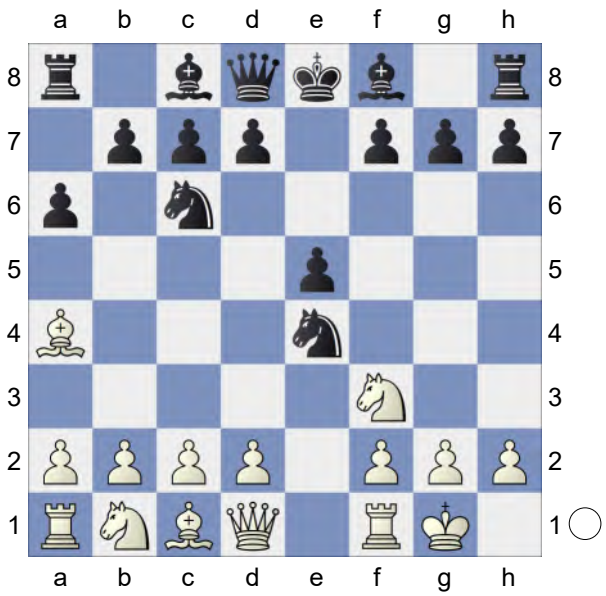
corr 1979

[Kitty Kat]

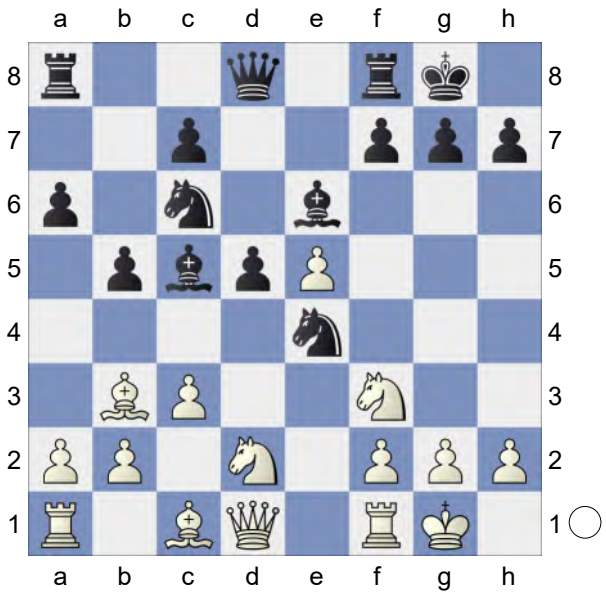
C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

(Diagram)



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

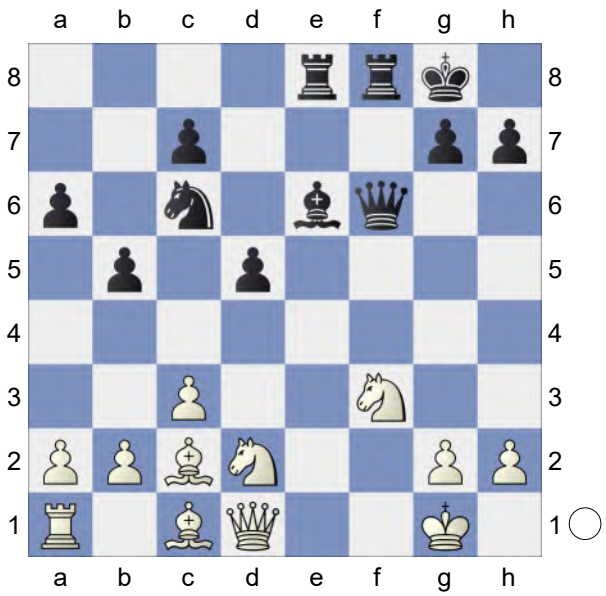


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Kg1

[15.Nf1 is more complex. Ne5 16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bc5]

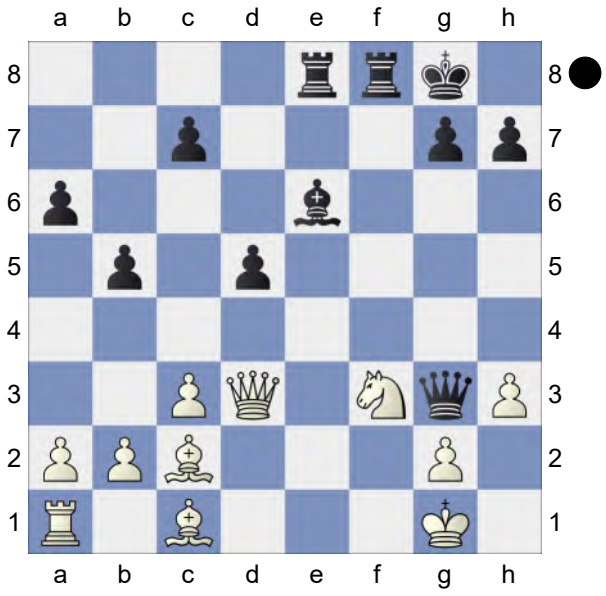
15...Rae8!

(Diagram)



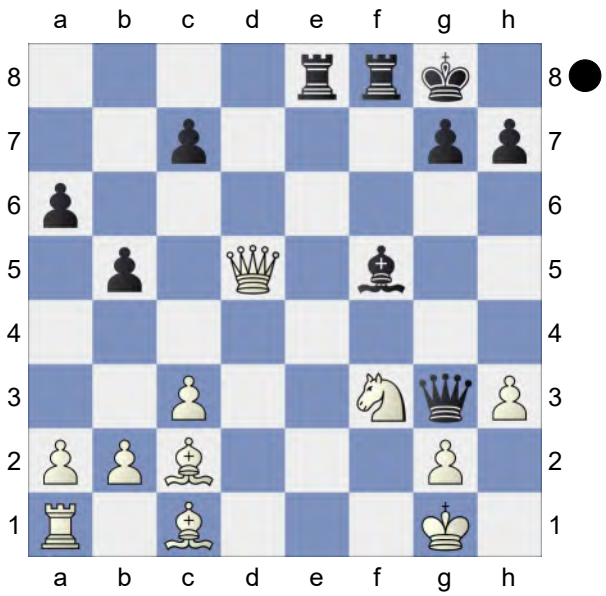
16.h3 Prevents Bg4 **16...Ne5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5** The position is equal. **18.Nf3 Qg3 19.Qd3?** -3.24/19

[Only move: 19.Qe1!∓ -0.35/23 Qxe1+ *(19...Rxf3 20.Qxg3 Rxg3 21.Bf4±)* 20.Nxe1]

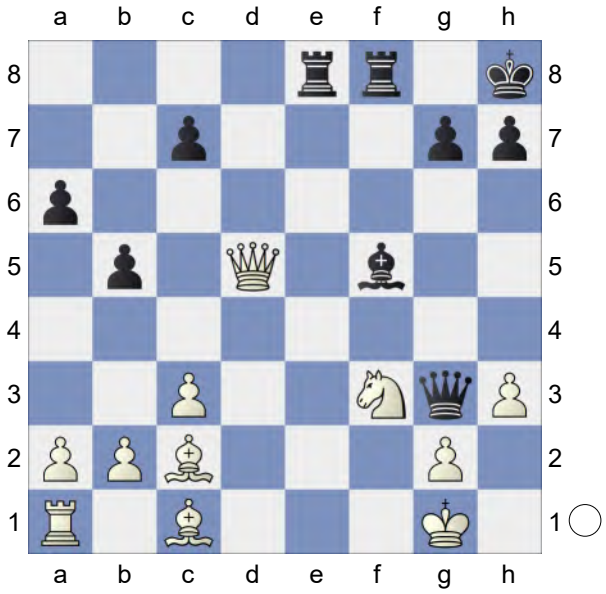


19...Bf5!-+ 20.Qxd5+

(Diagram)



Kh8!



(-> ...Re2!) **21.Bxf5N** -32.19/19

[21.Bd2 -3.36/18 Bxc2 22.Re1]

[21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 Rxf3 23.Qxf3 Re1+ 24.Qf1 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Qd3+ 26.Kf2 h6 27.a4 bxa4 28.Be3 Qc2+ 29.Kf3 Kg8 30.Ra3 a5 31.c4 Qxc4 32.Rc3 Qd5+ 33.Kf2 Qe5 34.Bc5 Qf5+ 35.Kg3 g5 0-1 (50) Den Hamer,A (2605)-Paramos Dominguez,R (2235) Magyarorszag (ch) 7/544 1968 36.Kh2 h5 37.Ba3 Qf4+ 38.Kg1 g4 39.hxg4 hxg4

40.g3 Qd4+ 41.Kf1 Qd1+ 42.Kf2 Qd2+ 43.Kf1 c6 44.Kg1 Qe2 45.Kh1 Qf2 46.Rc5 Qf1+ 47.Kh2 Qh3+ 48.Kg1 Qxg3+ 49.Kf1 Qf3+ 50.Kg1 g3 0-1 Spassky,B (2605)-Neunhoeffer,H (2235) Bundesliga 8384 1983]

21...Re2 22.Nd2 Qf2+ 23.Kh1 Re1+ 24.Kh2 Rxf5? -2.44/20

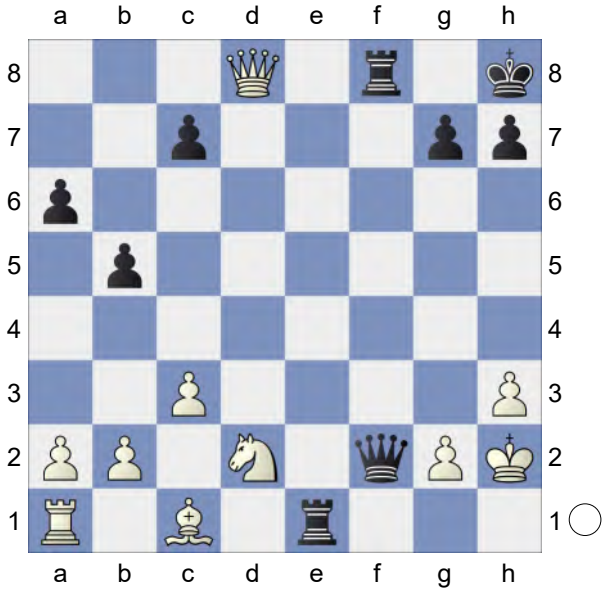
[24...Qxf5 25.Qxf5 Rxf5 26.Nf3=]

[24...Qf4+ -#11/20 mates 25.g3 Re2+ *(25...Qxf5 26.Qxf5 Rxf5 27.Kg2∓; 25...Qf2+? 26.Qg2-+)* 26.Qg2 Rxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Qxf5 28.h4 Re8 29.Ne4 Rxe4 *(29...Qxe4+ 30.Kg1 Qf3 31.Be3 Qxg3+ 32.Kf1 Rxe3 33.h5 Rf3+ 34.Ke2 Qg2+* Skewer *35.Ke1 Rf1#)* 30.Be3 Rxe3 31.Rf1 Re2+ 32.Kg1 Qc5+ 33.Kh1 Qd5+ *(33...Rxb2 34.Rf4 Qd5+ 35.Rf3 Qxf3+ 36.Kg1 Qg2#)* 34.Rf3 Qxf3+ 35.Kg1 Qg2#]

25.Qd8+

[25.Qd4? Re3-+]

25...Rf8



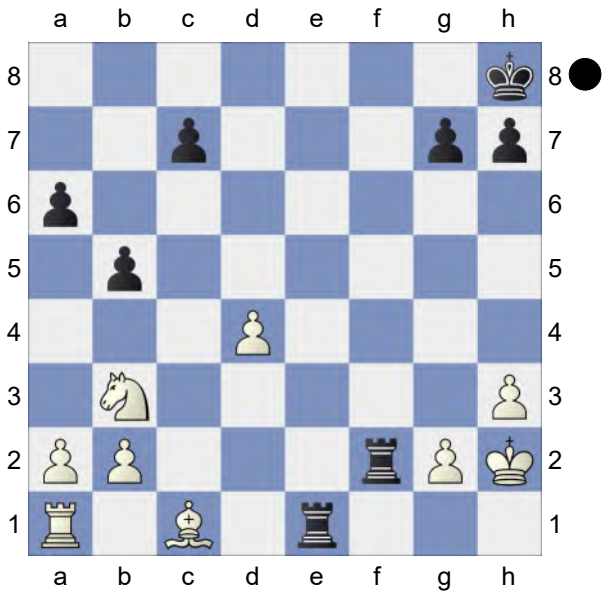
(-> ...Qf4+) **26.Qd4 Qxd4** -1.30/20

[Black should try 26...h5-+ -2.44/21 ...Qe2 would now be deadly. 27.Qxf2 Rxf2]

27.cxd4∓ Rf2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.93

28.Nb3



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110 **C82**

□ **Suta,Mihai**

■ **Lopez Esnaola,Benito**

corr 1979

[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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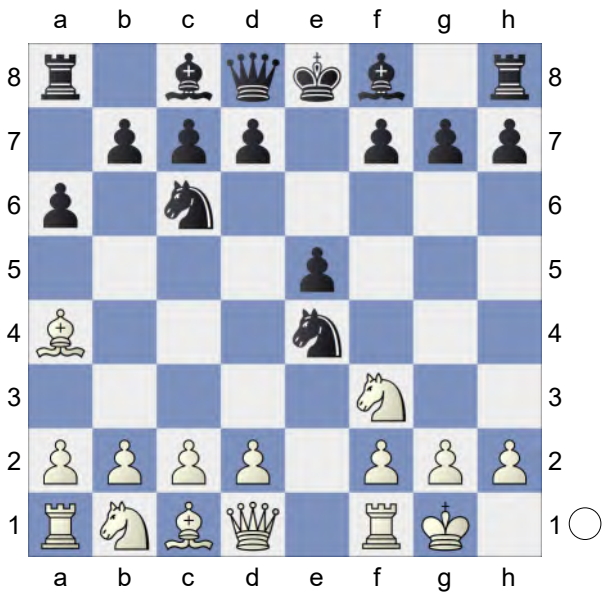
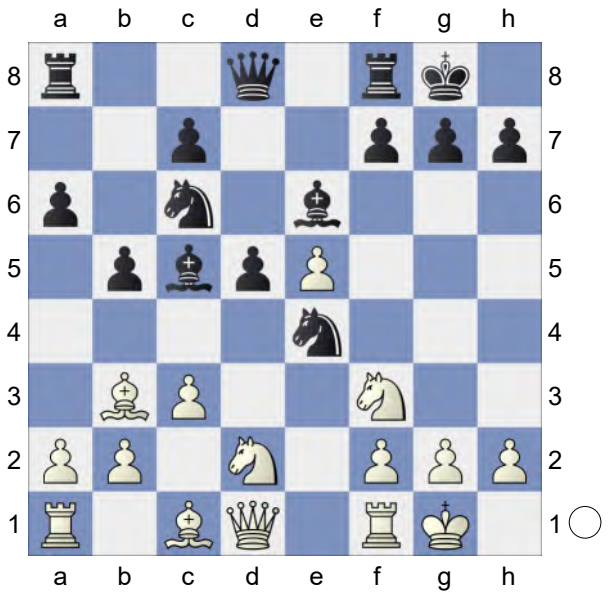


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Kg1 Rae8

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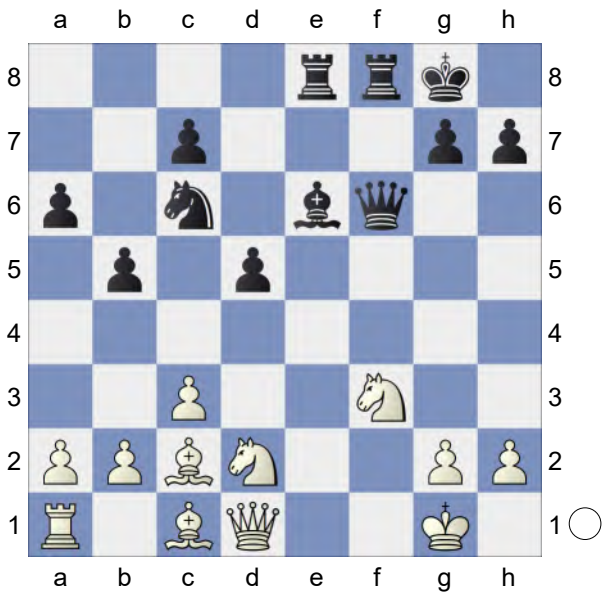
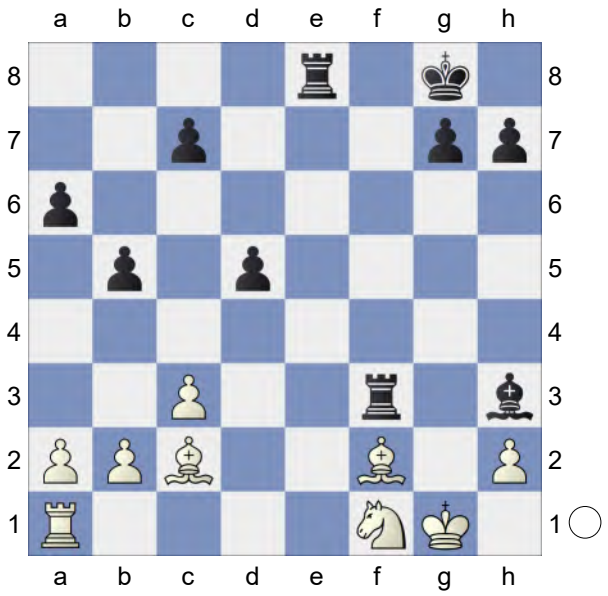


16.Nf1 Ne5 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 Bh3



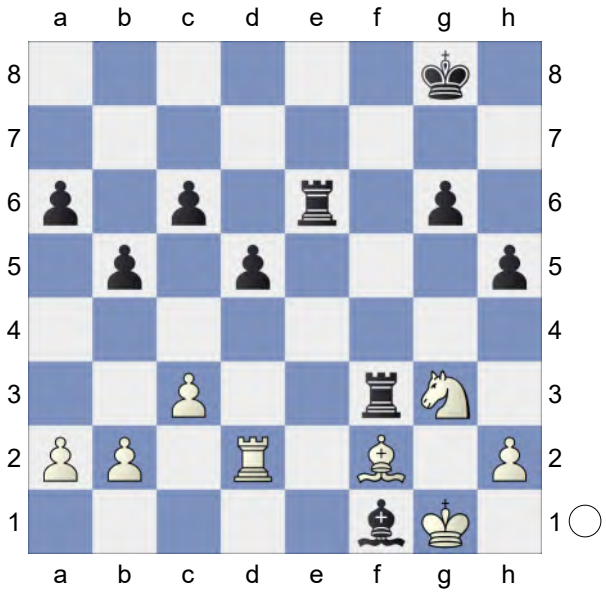
21.Ng3 g6 22.Rd1 c6 The position is equal. **23.Rd2 Re6N**

[23...Ref8 24.Bd3 h5 25.Bxg6 h4 26.Nh5 Re3 27.Bd3 Re5 28.Bxh4 Rxh5 29.Bg3 Kg7 30.Rf2 Re8 31.Re2 Rxe2 32.Bxe2 Rf5 33.a4 bxa4 34.Bxa6 c5 35.Bd3 Rf7 36.Bf2 a3 37.bxa3 Rf3 38.Bxc5 0-1 (49) Tauve-Schuster,A Warszawa 94/86 2005]

[23...h5 24.Bxg6 Re5 25.Rd4 Bg4

26.h4 Kg7 27.Bc2 Ree3 28.Rxg4+ hxg4 29.Nf5+ Rxf5 30.Bxf5 Re2 31.b4 Rxa2 32.Bd7 a5 33.bxa5 g3 34.Bb6 Kf6 35.Bxc6 Ke5 36.h5 Ke4 37.h6 Rd2 38.h7 1-0 Matanovic,A-Wade,R 2/257 Palma de Mallorca 1966]

24.Bd3 h5 25.Bf1 Bxf1



26.Kxf1 Ref6 27.Ke1 -1.23/22

[27.Kg2= -0.24/22 remains equal.]

27...h4∓ 28.Nf1 g5 -0.76/20

[⌓28...b4! -1.26/22 29.cxb4 d4]

29.Re2 Kf7 Black is more active.

30.Nd2 -1.41/19

[⌓30.Ne3 -0.93/21 R6f4 31.Nc2]

30...Rh3

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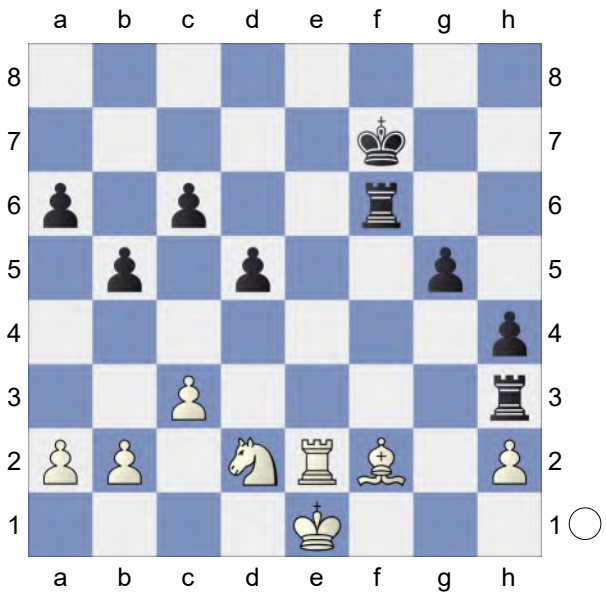


31.Bg1 -1.78/18

[31.Nf1∓ -1.24/22]

31...Re6-+ 32.Kf2 -2.37/22

[⌓32.Nb3 -1.63/23]

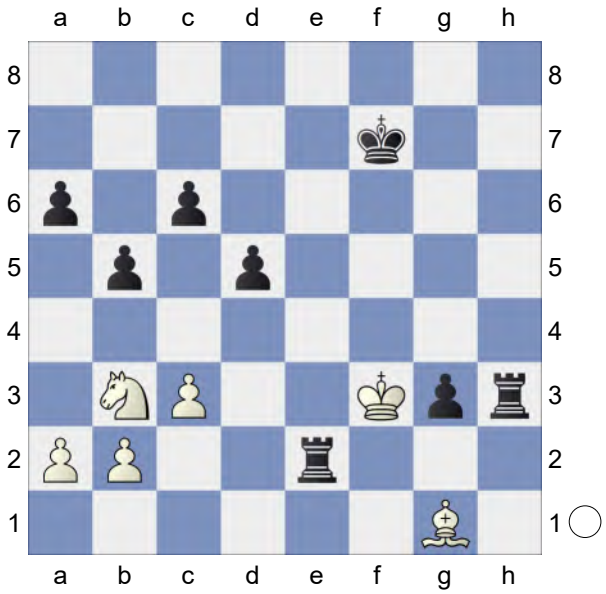
32...g4 33.Nb3? -4.30/26

[33.Rxe6 -1.67/17 Kxe6 34.Nb3]

33...g3+ 34.hxg3 hxg3+

[34...Rxg3 35.Rxe6 Kxe6 36.Nd4+ Kf6 37.Nxc6∓]

35.Kf3 Rxe2



Remove Defender **36.Kxe2**

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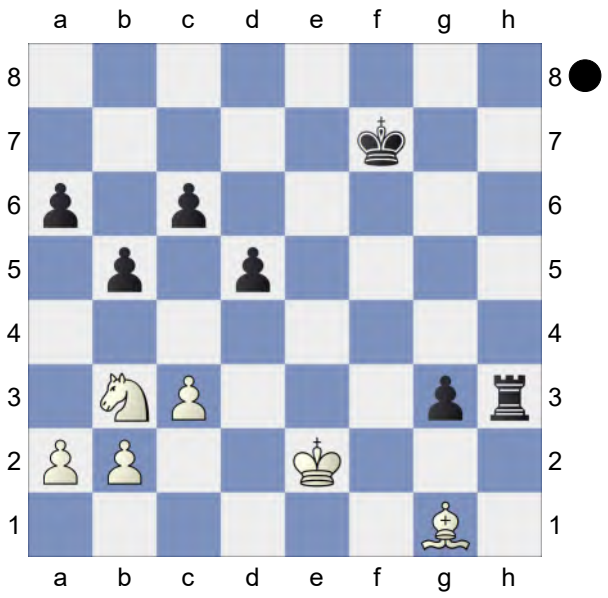
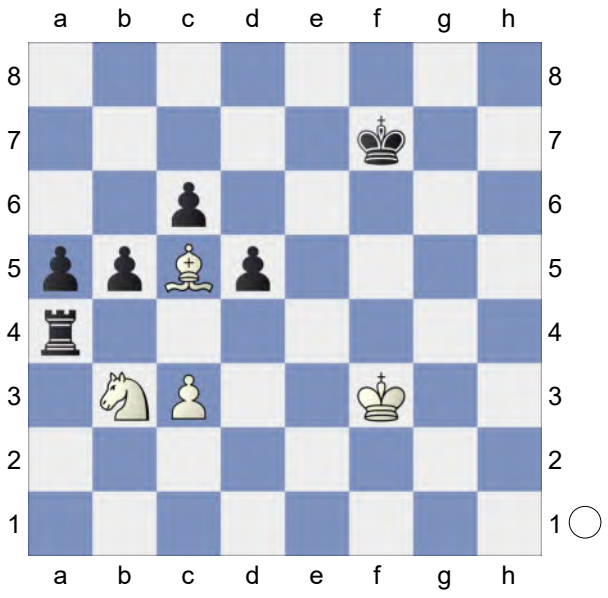


Rh2+! Skewer **37.Kf3 Rxb2 38.Kxg3 Rxa2 39.Bc5** Against Ra3 **39...Ra4 40.Kf3 a5!**



41.Ke2? -4.85/21
[41.Nd2 -2.06/20 only move.]

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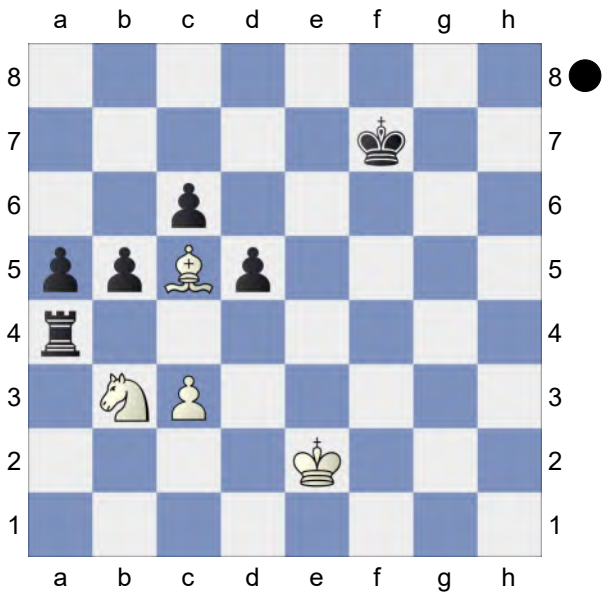
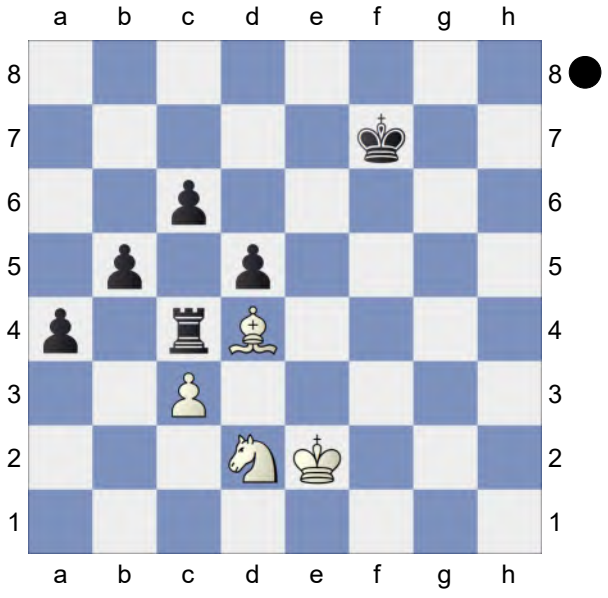
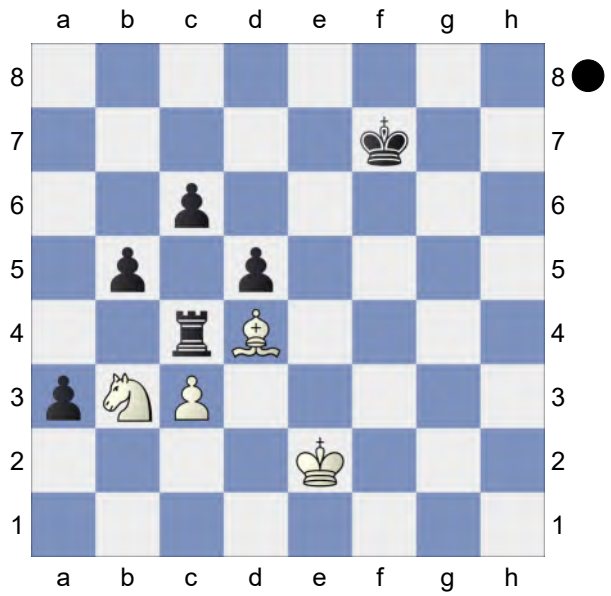


41...Rc4! Hoping for ...a4. Black is clearly winning. **42.Bd4 a4 43.Nd2**



a3!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.11 (very precise)
44.Nb3
[44.Nf3 a2]

(Diagram)



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111 **C82**
□ **Mueller,Thomas**
■ **Preo,Nicolas A**
NAmerica-ch1 corr7175 1971
[Harding,T]

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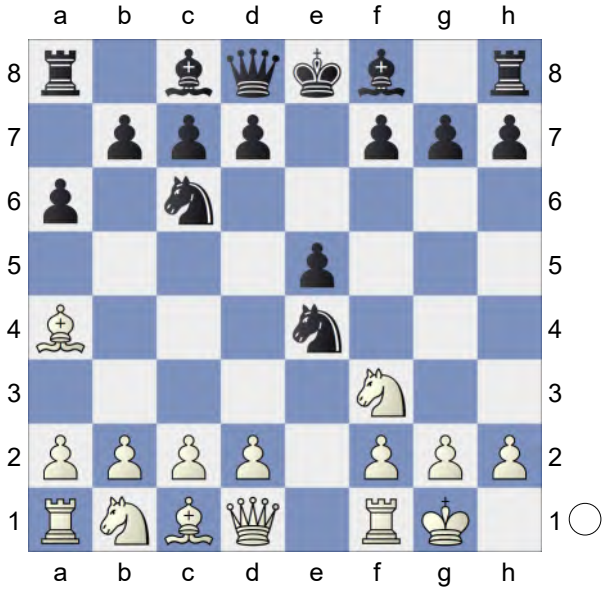
Though no date or event is mentioned, it was almost certainly NAICCC-1, as we know Preo only played internal USA events in the period 1949-58' **1.e4** Harding, Preo Myers Preo Harding Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: ' Myers Preo Harding" **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4**



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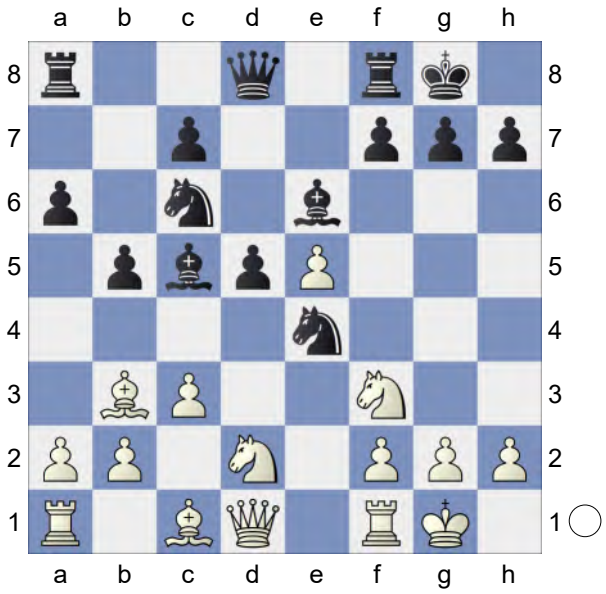

11.Bc2 **Nxf2!** Dilworth Variation Dilworth Variation Harding, Preo: 'Diagram

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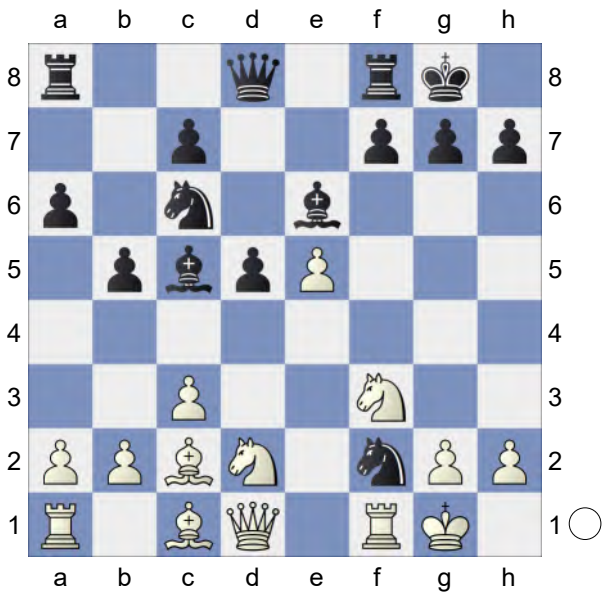


' Harding, Preo: 'Diagram {#} Harding,T: '!' Harding,T: 'Dilworth Variation'' Harding, Preo: 'This is the Dilworth Variation, in which Black gives up two minor pieces for a rook and pawn to disrup the white king position and create dangerpus chances, as this game shows. The chief drawback from Black's point of view is that he cannot reach this line after the popular modern reply 9 Nbd2 to the Open Defence, because in that case 9...Bc5 can be answered by 10 Nxe4. English amateur Vernon Dilworth started to analyse and play this line in the early 1940s (though there had been a few earlier games with it). In the late 1970s, he began to play it again, after Kevin O'Connell consulted him for a book he was writing on the Open Spanish.'

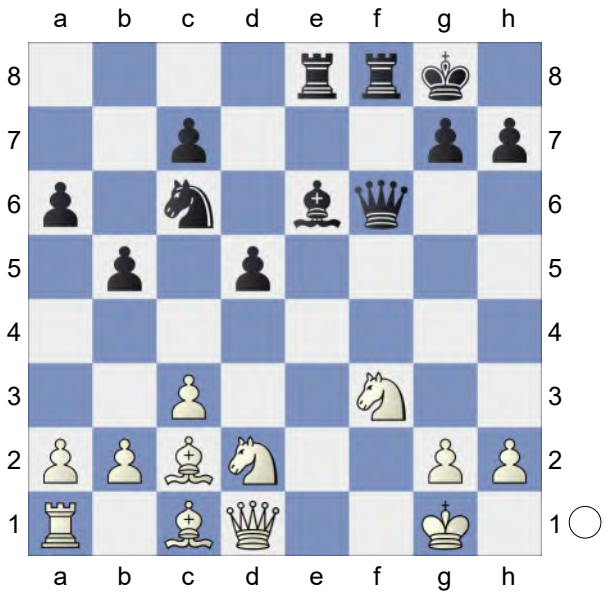
12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+!

[13...Qxf6 is reckoned to be inferior, because White replies 14.Qf1! of which an early example was Smyslov-Botvinnik, Moscow ch 1943.]

14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Kg1

[15.Nf1! Ne5 16.Be3 Rae8 is now considered the critical line, but many experts believe Black has sufficient play. After 17.Bc5 *(17.Kg1* transposes to the next note*)* 17...Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rf7 19.Kg2 d4!⩱ Black may even stand better.]

15...Rae8

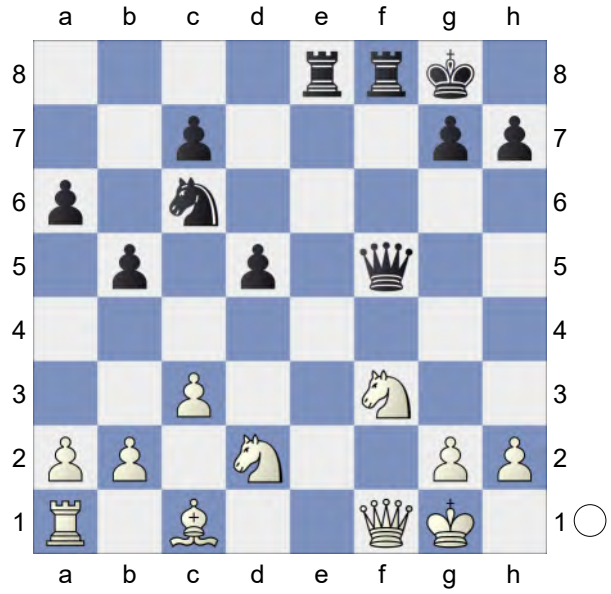


16.Qf1

[16.Nf1 Ne5 17.Be3 Harding, Preo: 'transposes to the next note' *(17.Ne3* is a try once played by the young Bobby Fischer, but after *Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3* Black surely stood better or Fischer would not have agreed an early draw. *)* 17...Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Qxf3 19.Qxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 is a well-known Dilworth endgame. Ref8 Potter-Preo, same event *(20...Bh3=* NCO *)* 21.Bc5 R8f4 22.Ng3 Rf7 23.Rf1 Rxf1+ 24.Nxf1 Bf5 25.Bb3 c6 26.Ng3 Bd3 Black won in 97 moves.]

[16.h3? Ne5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Nf3? *(18.Nf1□)* 18...Qg3 19.Qd3 Bf5 20.Qxd5+ Kh8 21.Bd3 *(21.Bxf5 Re2 22.Nd2 Qf2+* 0-1 Miranbell-Ecenarro, corr 1969*)* 21...Bxd3 22.Qxd3 Rxf3! 23.Qxf3 Re1+-+ Spassky-Neunhoffer, Bundesliga 1983]

16...Bf5 17.Bxf5 Qxf5 Harding, Preo: 'Diagram



' **18.a4N** Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: 'N'' Harding, Preo: 'Possibly a novelty in this game'

[18.b3!? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!?'' d4! Harding, Preo: 'Ljubojevic-Yusupov, Tilburg 1987' *(18...Ne5* Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' *19.Ba3! Rf6 20.Re1 Nxf3+ 21.Nxf3 Rxe1 22.Qxe1 Re6 23.Qd2 h6 24.Bc5 c6 25.h3 Qb1+ 26.Kh2 Qg6 27.Nd4 Rf6 28.Qe2 Qf7 29.Qe7 Rf2 30.Qxf7+ Kxf7 31.a3 Rb2 32.Bb4 g6 33.Nxc6 Rxb3 34.Ne5+ Kg7 35.Nd3 a5 36.Nc5 axb4 37.Nxb3 bxa3 38.Kg3 a2 39.Kf4 Kf6 40.g3 g5+ 41.Ke3 h5 42.Kd4 Ke6 43.g4 h4 44.Na1 Kd6 45.Nc2 Ke6 46.Na1* ½-½ Jablonski,J-Rygiel,J/corr POL 1961*/; 18...Re3!?* Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' *19.Ba3 Rfe8 20.Rc1 Qf6 21.Qf2 d4↑* Myers *)* 19.cxd4 Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' *(19.Ba3?* Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '?'' *dxc3! 20.Bxf8 Rxf8 21.Nc4! Qc5+ 22.Qf2 Qxf2+ 23.Kxf2 bxc4∓* Jussupow Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: ' ∓' Harding, T: 'Jussupow''Harding, Preo: 'better endgame for Black (Yusupov)'*)* 19...Nxd4 20.Ba3 *(20.Nxd4? Qc5! 21.Bb2 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Re2 23.Rf2 Rxf2 24.Kxf2 Qd5 25.Ke3 Qe5+* 0-1 Ljubojevic,L-Jussupow,A/Tilburg NED 1987/ *)* 20...Ne2+ 21.Kh1 c5! 22.Qf2 b4 23.Bb2 Nf4 24.Qg3 g6 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Qxe1 Nd3 27.Qa1 g5 28.Bh8 Rf7 29.h3 h5 30.Ne5 Nf2+ 31.Kg1 Rh7 32.Qf1 Rxh8 33.Nec4 Nxh3+ 34.gxh3 Qxf1+ 35.Kxf1 Kg7 36.Ne4 ½-½ Overgaard, J-Andreassen,E/corr ICCF 2005/]

[18.Nb3? Ne5 19.Nbd4

A) 19...Qg4! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!'' 20.b4! O'Connell *(20.h3? Qg3→* Marimon-Albareda, corr 1951 *)* 20...Nxf3+ Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' 21.Nxf3 d4 22.h3 Qe4 23.Qd1 d3↑ Myers;

B) 19...Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Qc2 Harding, Preo: 'This position was given as equal by O'Connell but "with chronic paralysis of the white camp" according to GM Glenn Flear in his book 'Open Ruy Lopez' citing Müller-Cruz Lopez, France chT 1998 '

B1) 21.h3? Harding, Preo: '!?' '!?' Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '?'' Harding, Preo: 'O'Connell' h6 Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' 22.b3 c5 23.Ba3 Qxc3∓;

B2) 21.b3!? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!?'' c5 Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' *(21...Qxc3 22.Bd2 Qc5+ 23.Kh1 Qd6 24.g4! Re4=* Medina-Mocete, corr 1974 cited by O'Connell, but is Black not much better here?*)* 22.Bg5 h6 23.Qc1 Qe4∓;

B3) 21.a3? Harding, Preo:

'Harding,T' h6 22.Bd2 Rxf3! 23.Qxf3 Qxd2∓ Myers;
B4) 21.Bd2 Rxf3 22.Qxf3 Qxd2 23.Rf1 Qe3+ 24.Qxe3 Rxe3 25.Kf2 Re4 26.Rd1 c6 27.Rd3 Kf7 28.Rf3+ Ke7 29.h3 a5 30.a3 a4 31.g3 Re6 32.Rd3 Kf6 33.g4 c5 34.Rd2 Re4 35.Kf3 Ke5 36.h4 g6 37.Rd1 d4 38.cxd4+ cxd4 39.h5 Re3+ 40.Kf2 gxh5 41.gxh5 Rh3 42.Rc1 Kd5 43.Rc8 Rxh5 44.Ke2 Ke4 45.Re8+ Re5 46.Rh8 h5 47.Kd2 Rg5 48.Re8+ Kd5 49.Kc2 h4 50.Rd8+ Ke4 51.Re8+ Kf3 52.Kd3 h3 0-1 Muller,A-Cruz Lopez Claret,C/Drancy FRA 1998/ 0-1 Muller,A-Cruz Lopez Claret,C/Drancy FRA 1998/ Harding, Preo: '0-1 Muller,A-Cruz Lopez Claret,C/FrTCh, Drancy FRA 1998 (52)' Harding, Preo: '0-1 Muller,A-Cruz Lopez Claret, C/FrTCh, Drancy FRA 1998 (52) Harding,T: '0-1 Muller,A-Cruz Lopez Claret,C/Drancy FRA 1998/"]

18...b4! Harding, Preo: '∓' '∓' Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!'' **19.Qxa6?** Harding: Although this game is 30 years old, it is unknown to theory because, apparently, tournament director John F. Cleeve was never sent a copy of the game score. Preo's hand written record was found among his son's papers. Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: 'Harding: Although this game is 30 years old, it is unknown to theory because, apparently, tournament director John F. Cleeve was never sent a copy of the game score. Preo's hand written record was found among his son's papers.''Harding, Preo: 'O'Connell rightly gave this move a question mark, because although this it may appear to be the point of 18 a4, in fact it seems to lose by force. Evidently O'Connell did not know the present game which almost certainly has never been published before, since it is not included in the bulletin 'North American Invitational Correspondence Chess Championships I-II-IV-V'. edited by J. Ken MacDonald and published by the Canadian CCA. Apparently the tournament director John F. Cleeve was never sent a copy of the game score.'

[19.h3!? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!?" Qc2! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!" *(19...Rf6)* 20.Qxa6 Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' Ne5 21.Qb5 c6 22.Qf1 bxc3 23.bxc3 Qxc3 24.Ra3 Qc2 25.Kh2 c5 26.Ra1 Nd3 27.Ba3 Rf4 28.a5 Ra4 29.Ng5 Rf8 30.Qe2 Nf4 31.Qe3 Rxa5 32.Ne6 d4 33.Qe5 Nxe6 34.Qxe6+ Kh8 35.Nb3 Ra4 36.Rf1 Rfa8 37.Bxc5 Qc4 38.Qxc4 Rxc4 39.Rf5 d3 40.Rd5 Rc3 41.Na5 Rc2 42.Bb4 g5 43.Rxd3 Kg7 44.Rd2 Rc7 45.Nb3 Rc4 46.Rd7+ Kf6 ½-½ De Vries,G-De Leeuw,D/corr IECC 1999/ Myers: White should play on. 47.Be7+! Ke6 48.Rb7 h6 49.Nc5+ Kd5 50.Rd7+ Ke5 51.Rd2 Kf5 52.Rf2+± Myers]

[19.a5 Qc2]

19...Re1+! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!"

20.Kf2□ Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '□"

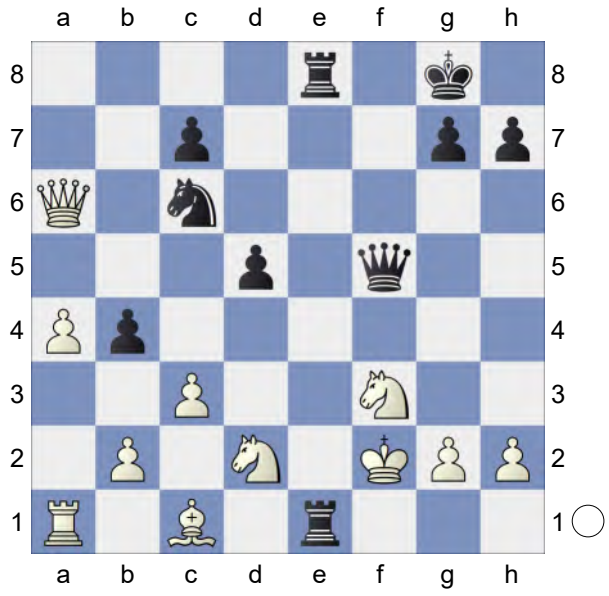
[20.Nf1? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '?" Ne5 Harding, Preo: 'or' *(20...Qc2)* 21.Nxe1 Qf2+ 22.Kh1 Qxf1+ 23.Qxf1 Rxf1# Preo Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: 'Preo"]

[20.Nxe1? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '?" Qf2+ 21.Kh1 Qxe1+ Preo Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: 'Preo"

Harding, Preo: 'and mates' 22.Qf1 Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' Rxf1+ 23.Nxf1 Qxf1#]

20...Rfe8!?

[20...Re6! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' 21.Qb5 g5! 22.h3 h5 23.Kg1 g4 24.Qf1 gxf3 25.Nxf3 Ne5-+ Myers]



Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!?'' **21.g4** Harding, Preo: 'Diagram

[Harding, Preo: 'If instead' 21.Qxc6? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '?'' Harding, Preo: 'then' R8e2+! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!'' Harding, Preo: 'is better than R1e2+ cited in O'Connell's 1978 book' 22.Kg3 h5! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' *(22...Rg1 23.Nxg1 Qg5+ 24.Kh3 Qxg2+ 25.Kh4 g5+ 26.Kh5 Qxh2+ 27.Kxg5 Qg3+ 28.Kf5 Re5+ 29.Kf6 Qg7#)* 23.Qa8+ Kf7-+]

[21.h3? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '?'' Ne5! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!'' 22.g4 *(22.Kxe1 Nd3+* mates *)* 22...Nd3+! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!'' 23.Kg3 Rg1+!-+ Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' *(23...Qf4+ 24.Kh4 R8e6* "OK" handwritten Preo note *)*]

[21.g3? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '?'' Ne5! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!'' 22.Kxe1 Nxf3+ 23.Kf2 *(23.Kd1 Re1#)* 23...Nxd2+-+ Preo Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '-+' Harding,T: 'Preo'' 24.Kg1 Nf3+ 25.Kg2 Ne1+ 26.Kg1 Nc2 27.Ra2 Re1+ 28.Kg2 Rxc1 "followed by Ne3x"]

[21.Ne4? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '?'' Qxe4! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' *(21...dxe4 22.Kxe1 exf3+ 23.Kd1 b3! 24.Qc4+ Kh8 25.Qxb3 Qd3+ 26.Bd2 Re1+ 27.Kxe1 Qe2#)* 22.Qxc6 Rf8 23.Qb5 c6 24.Qxc6 Rxf3+-+]

[21.Nb3? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '?'' Ne5! Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!'' 22.Bd2 Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' *(22.Nbd4 Nd3+ 23.Qxd3 Qxd3 24.Nxe1 Qd1 25.Ndf3 Re2+ 26.Kg3 bxc3 27.bxc3 Rxe1 28.Nxe1 Qxe1+ 29.Kf4 Qxc3 30.Rb1 Qd4+* and ...Qxa4 Preo*; 22.Kxe1* Preo found a mate starting *Nxf3+ 23.Kf2 Nd2+)* 22...Ng4+ 23.Kg3 Rxa1-+]

[21.Qb5!? Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' Qe6 22.h3 h5 23.Nb3 h4 24.Nxh4 Re2+ 25.Kg1 bxc3 26.bxc3 Re1+ 27.Kf2 Rb8!-+ Myers]

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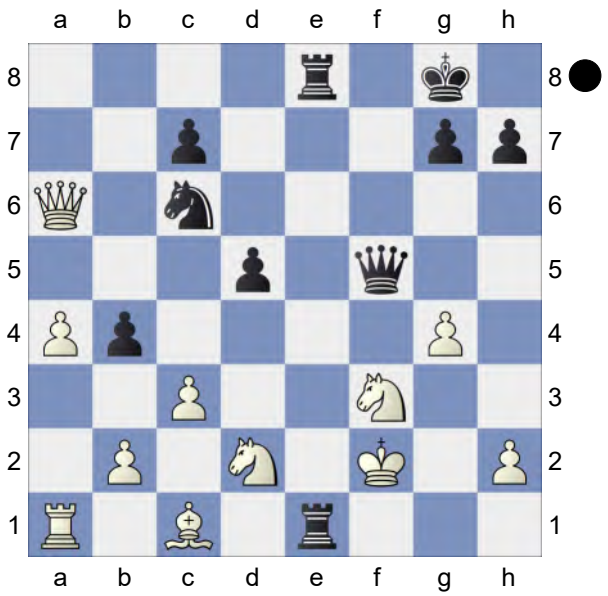


' **21...Qe6!** Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T: '!" Harding, Preo: 'Preo's handwritten notes show he was also looking at the consequences of taking the pawn.'

[21...Qxg4? Harding, Preo: 'Harding, T: '?" 22.Nxe1 Qh4+ 23.Kg2

A) Another slip of paper has the following two optimistic variations: 23...Qg4+ 24.Kf1 *(24.Kh1 Rxe1+ 25.Nf1 Re2 26.Ne3 Qf3+ 27.Kg1 Qf2+* mates *)* 24...Ne5 25.Ng2 Qd1+ 26.Kf2 Rf8+ RR27.Nf4! *(27.Ke3 Qg1+ 28.Ke2 Rf2+ 29.Ke3 Rf6+ 30.Ke2 Rxa6; 27.Kg3 Qg4#)* 27...Rxf4+ 28.Kg2∓;

B) 23...Qxe1 24.Qf1 *(24.Qxc6 Re2+ 25.Kh3 Re3+ 26.Kg2 Qe2+ 27.Kg1 Qg4+ 28.Kf1 Qf4+ 29.Kg1 Re1+ 30.Kg2 Re2+ 31.Kg1 Qxh2+* "and next move mate" in Preo's handwriting *)*

B1) 24...Re2+ 25.Qxe2? *(⌓25.Kg1)* 25...Qxe2+ 26.Kg3 bxc3 27.bxc3 Qe3+ 28.Kg2 Qxc3 29.Rb1 Qd4;

B2) 24...Qe6= Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T']

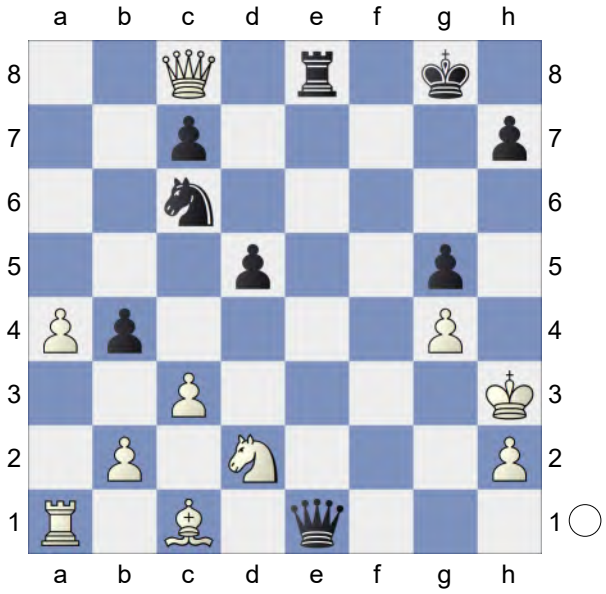
22.Nxe1

[22.Qd3 Rf8! Harding, Preo: 'Harding, T' *(22...bxc3 23.bxc3 Rf8* threatening ...Ne5-+*; 22...Ne5* "Actually Preo wrote N-Q4" instead of "N-K4" and there are many similar slips in his notes, though the meaning is clear *23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.Nf3 Rf8 25.Bf4)* 23.c4 d4 24.Kg3 Re3 25.Qf1 Ne5-+ Myers]

22...Qxe1+ 23.Kg2

[23.Kf3 Rf8+ 24.Kg2 Rf2+ 25.Kh3 Qe3+ Harding, Preo: 'and mates' 26.Kh4 Harding, Preo: 'Harding,T' Rxh2#]

23...Re2+ 24.Kh3 g5 25.Qc8+ Re8



26.Qa6 Re3+ 27.Nf3 Qh4+ 28.Kg2 Qxg4+ 29.Kh1 Qxf3+ 30.Kg1 Re1+

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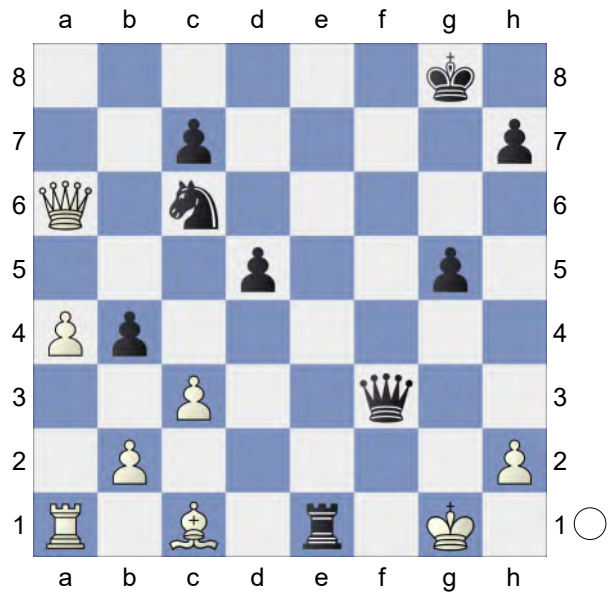
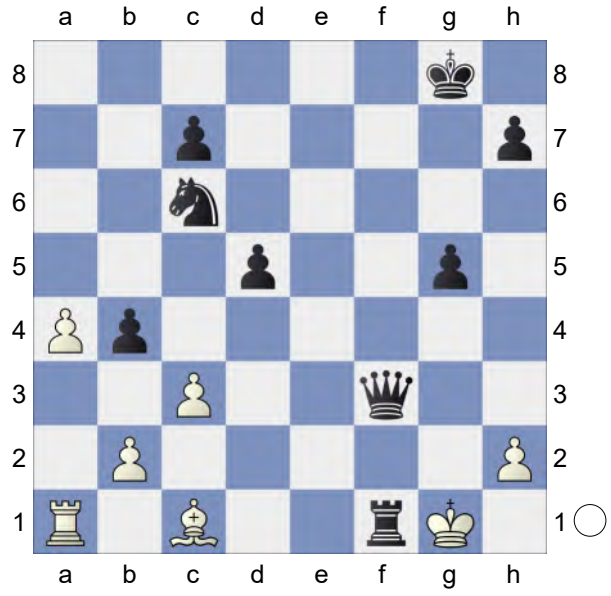


31.Qf1 Rxf1#



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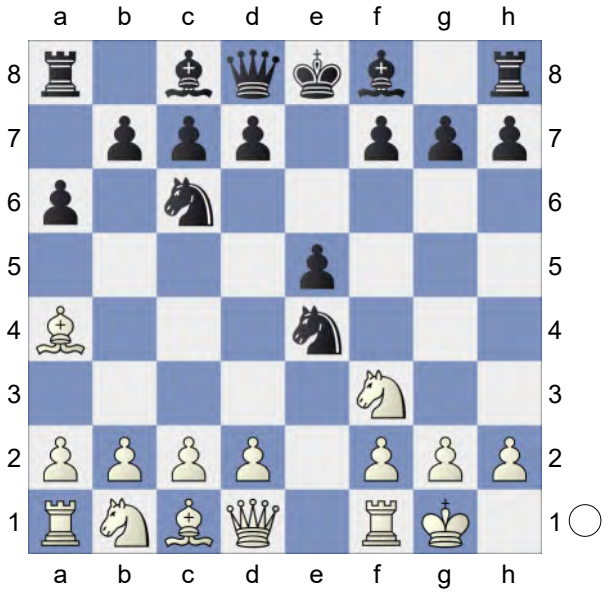
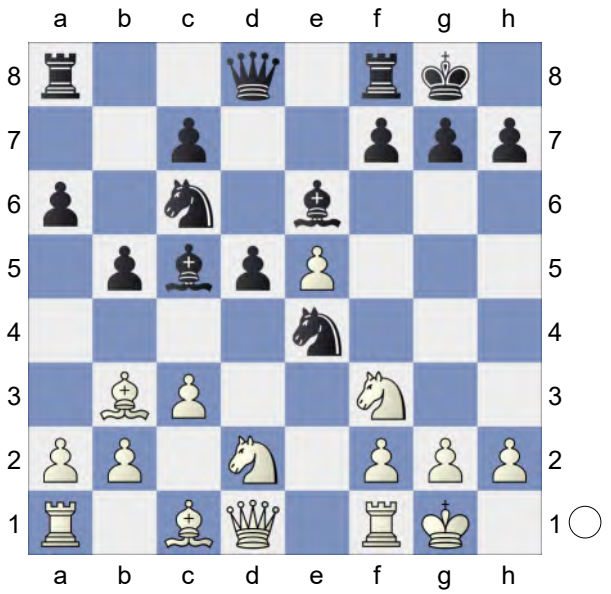
112 **C82**
□ **Wood,Baruch Harold**
■ **Dilworth,Vernon**
corr 1952
[Wood,CHESS April 1953 p140]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4



6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Qf1 Rae8 1.14/18
[Black should play 14...h6± 0.49/19]

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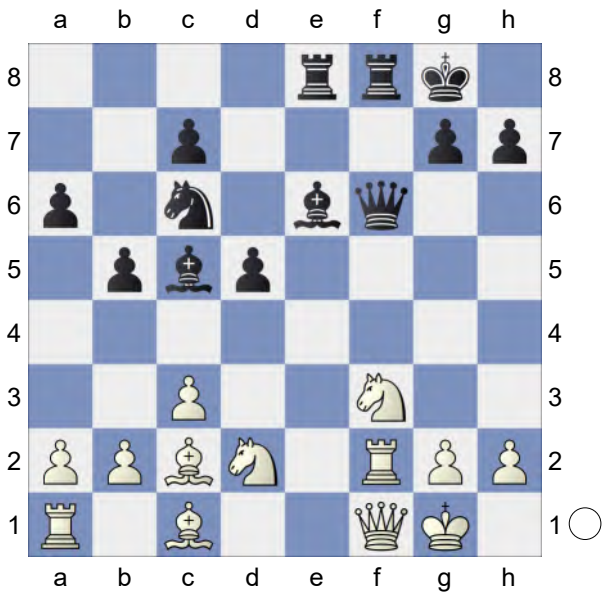
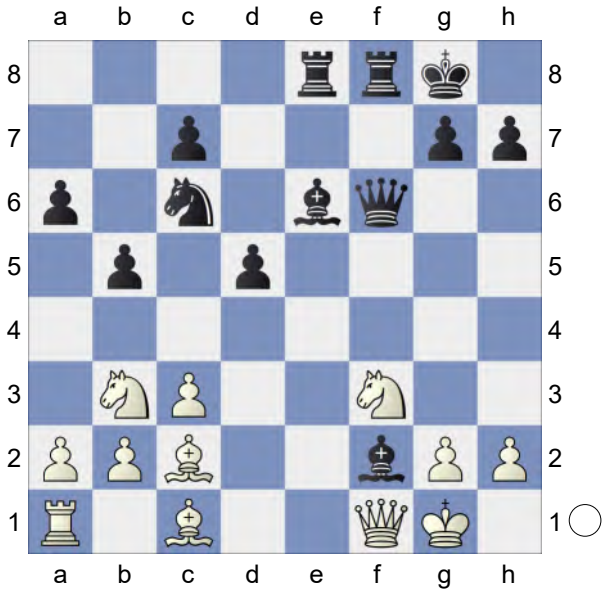


15.Nb3!± Bxf2+



16.Qxf2 Ne5

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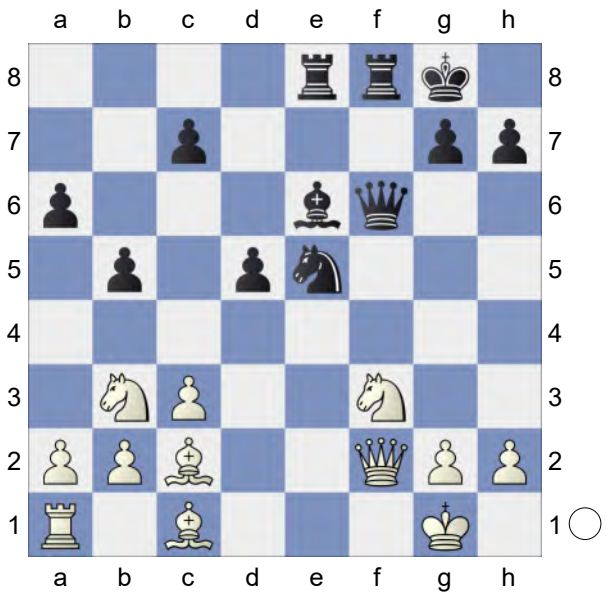
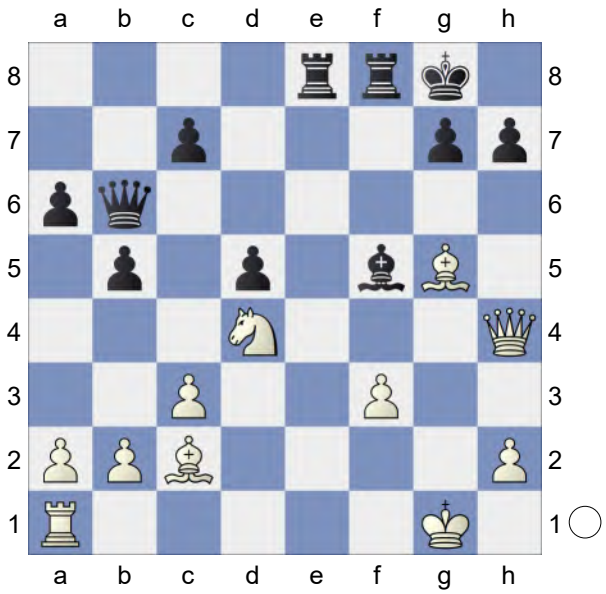


White is better. **17.Nbd4!** And now Bg5 would win. **17...Bg4 18.Bg5** This pair of bishops is nice. **18...Qb6 19.Qh4 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 Bf5**



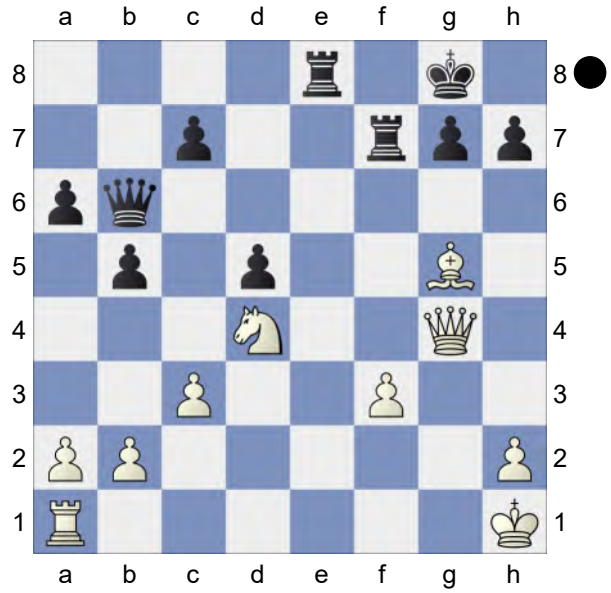
21.Bxf5 0.57/22

[21.Bb3± 1.45/21]

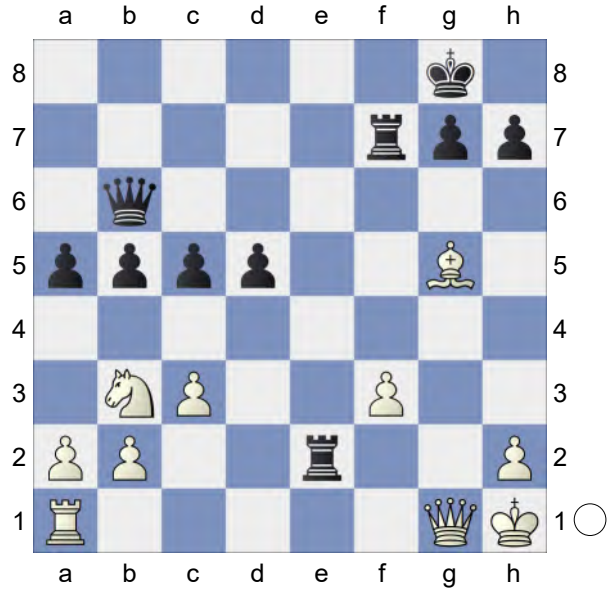
21...Rxf5± 22.Qg4N

[22.Kh1 Beatty-Dilworth Rf7 23.b4 c5 24.bxc5 Qxc5 25.Rg1 Qxc3 26.Bf6 Qd3 27.Qh5 Kf8 28.Qxd5 Qc4 29.Qd6+ Kg8 30.Nf5 Kh8 31.Nxg7 Ref8 32.Ba1 1-0 Beaty,J-Dilworth,V corr 1952]

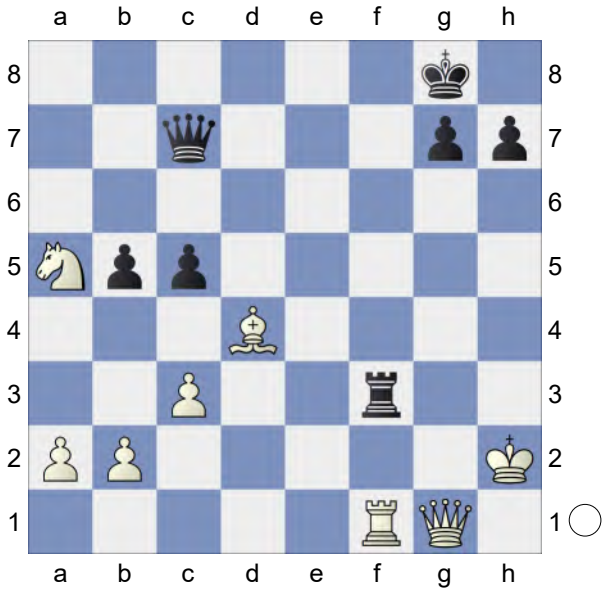
22...Rf7 23.Kh1 -0.81/21
[23.b4!± 0.44/19 stays ahead.]



23...c5!↑ Black has strong compensation. Black is really pushing. **24.Nb3 a5** Loses the game. **25.Qg1∞** -2.19/19
[25.Rg1∓ -0.90/21]
25...Re2!
[25...Rxf3]

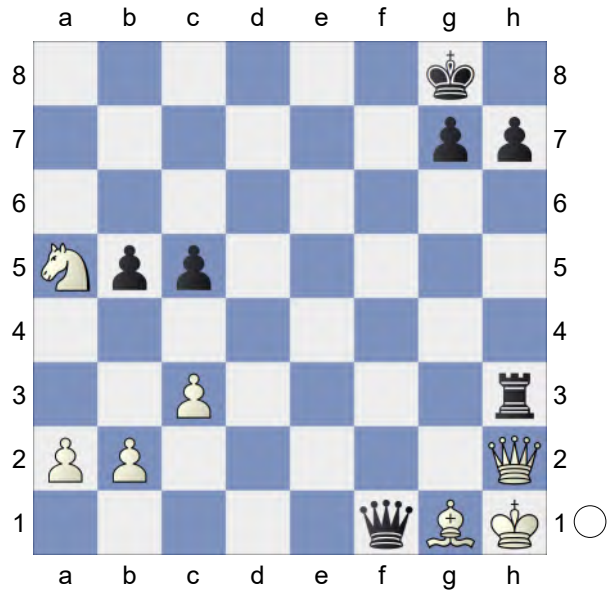


26.Be3?? -4.88/21
[26.Nxc5 -2.23/17 26.Re1 -1.40 △Rxf3 27.Qd1? -#12/15 *(27.Rf1-+ -2.72/18 Rxh2+* Deflection *28.Qxh2 Rxf1+ 29.Kg2)*]
[⌓26.Rf1 -1.70/19]
26...d4
[26...Rxb2 27.Bxc5 Qc7 28.Re1±]
27.Bxd4 Qb7 28.Rf1 -8.97/17
[28.Qf1? Rxf3 29.Kg1 Rxf1+ 30.Rxf1 Qg2#]
[28.Qg4 -3.18/18 h5 *(28...cxd4? 29.Nxd4 Rxb2 30.Qh5-+; 28...Rxb2 29.Nxc5 Qxf3+ 30.Qxf3∓; 28...Qxf3+ 29.Qxf3 Rxf3 30.Nxc5=; 28...Rxf3? 29.Kg1-+)* 29.Nxc5 hxg4 30.Nxb7 Rxb7 31.fxg4]
28...Rxf3-+ 29.Nxa5 Rxh2+ Decoy
[Worse is 29...Rxf1+ 30.Nxb7 Rxg1+ 31.Bxg1±]
30.Kxh2 Qc7+



31.Kg2 Qg3+ 32.Kh1 Qh3+
[32...cxd4? perishes. 33.Qxg3 Rxg3 34.Nc6 *(34.cxd4 Rd3+-)* 34...Rh3+ 35.Kg2+-]
33.Qh2 Qxf1+
[33...Rxf1+ 34.Bg1 Qg4 *(34...Qf3+? 35.Qg2-+)* 35.Qb8+ Rf8 36.Qe5-+]
34.Bg1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/ Black=0.12 (very precise)

34...Rh3



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113 **C82**
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■ **Pupols,Viktors**
corr 1960
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
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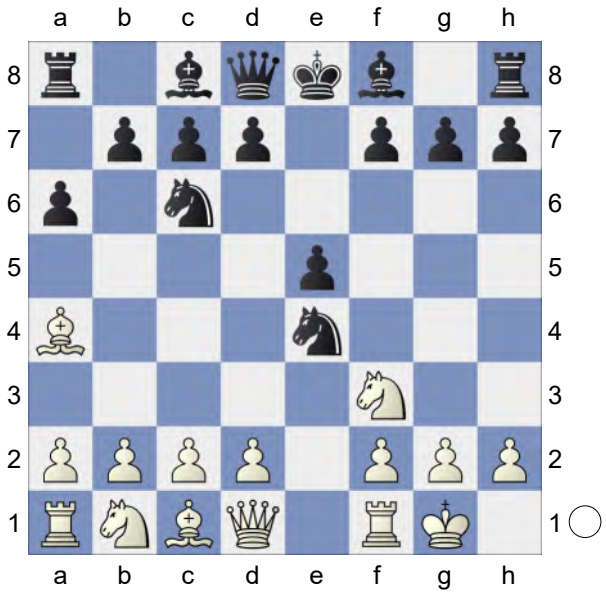
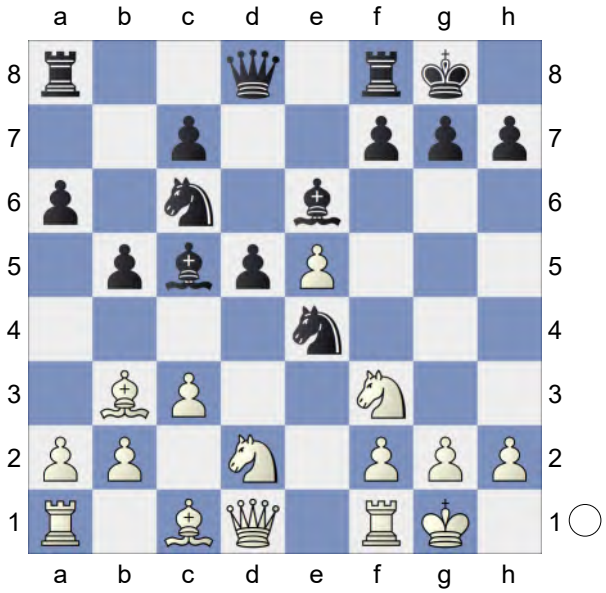


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0



11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Nb3 -0.33/22
[15.Nf1!± 0.37/20]
15...Ne5

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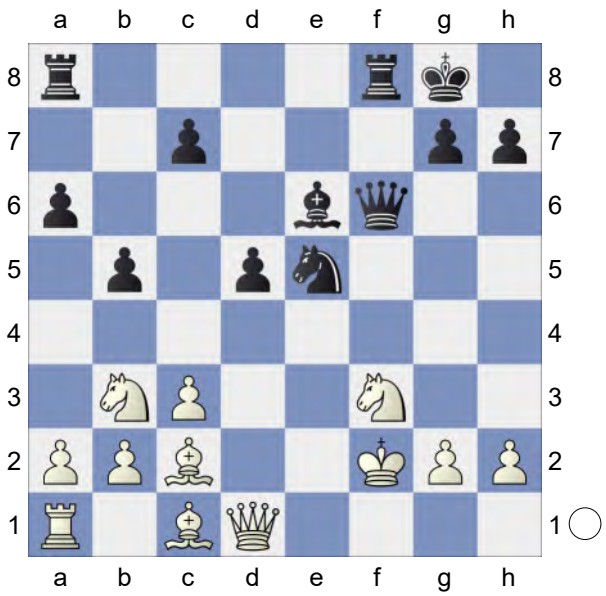

Black has compensation. **16.Nbd4** -1.18/19

[16.Bg5 Qxg5 17.Qd2 Nxf3 18.gxf3 Rxf3+ 19.Kxf3 Rf8+ 20.Ke2 Qg4+ 21.Ke1 *(21.Ke3? Qf4+ 22.Ke2 Bg4+ 23.Ke1 Qf1#)* 21...Qg1+ 22.Ke2 Bg4+ *(22...Qxh2+ 23.Kd3 Bf5+ 24.Kd4 Qh4+ 25.Ke3 Qg3+ 26.Kd4 Bxc2 27.Qe2 Rf4+ 28.Kxd5)* 23.Kd3 Rf3+ 24.Ke2 Rxc3#]

[16.Kg1!= -0.29/17 keeps the balance. Rae8 17.Be3 Nxf3+ 18.Qxf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Bf2 Bh3 21.Nd2 Rf6 22.Re1 Rxe1+ 23.Bxe1 c6 24.Bh4 Rf7 ½-½ Abdullah,M (2451)-Lusgin,V (2605) It Bled (Slovenia) 1931 (5)]

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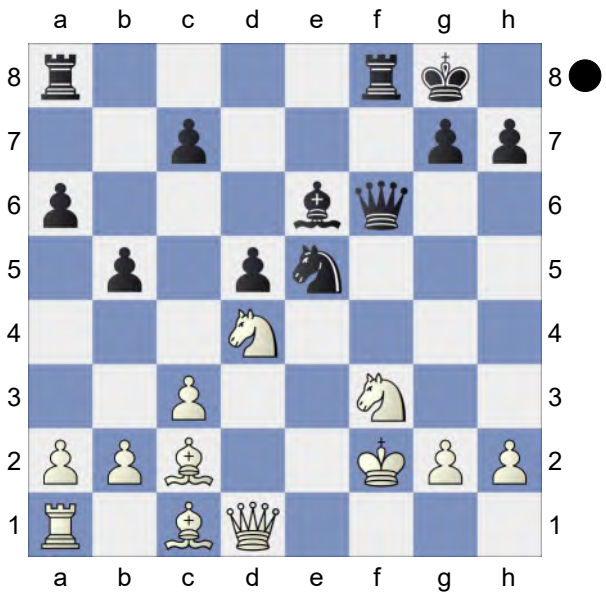

16...Bg4!∓ Really sharp! **17.Bb3N** -3.51/20

[17.b4∓ -1.38/17 Rae8 18.Bd3 Qh4+ 19.Kg1 Nxd3 *(19...Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Bxf3 21.Be2 Rxe2* 0-1 Graf,L-Couture,W corr 1949*)* 20.Bd2 Qf2+ 0-1 Weir,D-Dilworth,V Irish ch corr 1941]

17...c6 -1.62/18

[⌓17...Kh8 -3.51/20 ...c5 would now be deadly. 18.Kg1 *(18.Bxd5? is the wrong capture. Rad8-+)* 18...Rae8 19.Bxd5 Qd6]

18.a4? -3.61/17

[18.Kg1 -1.62/18 is the only way for White.]

18...Rae8-+ 19.Bd2 Kh8 20.axb5? -4.98/20

[20.Kg1 -3.07/17 c5 21.h3 Bxh3 *(21...Bxf3? 22.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3-+; 21...Bh5? 22.Bg5-+)* 22.Bxd5]

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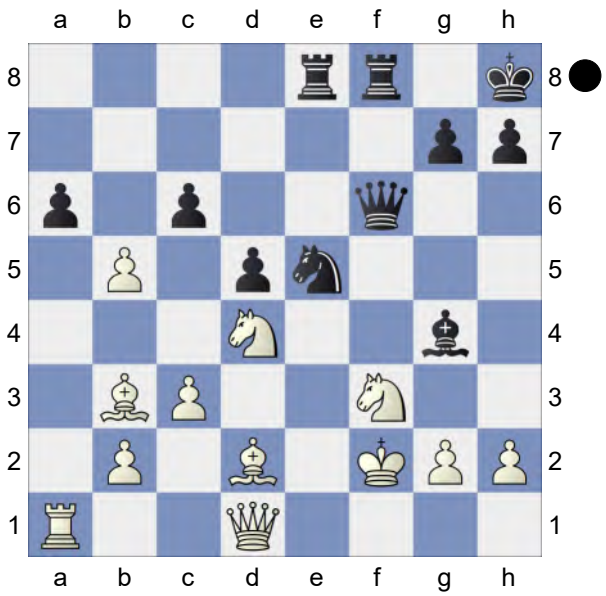
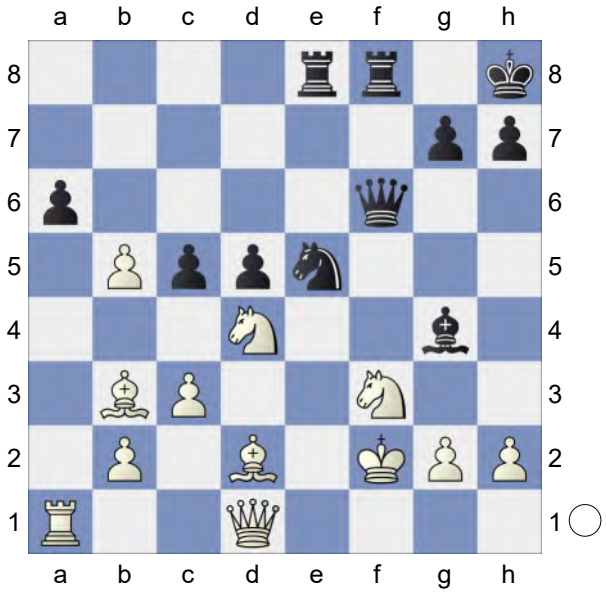
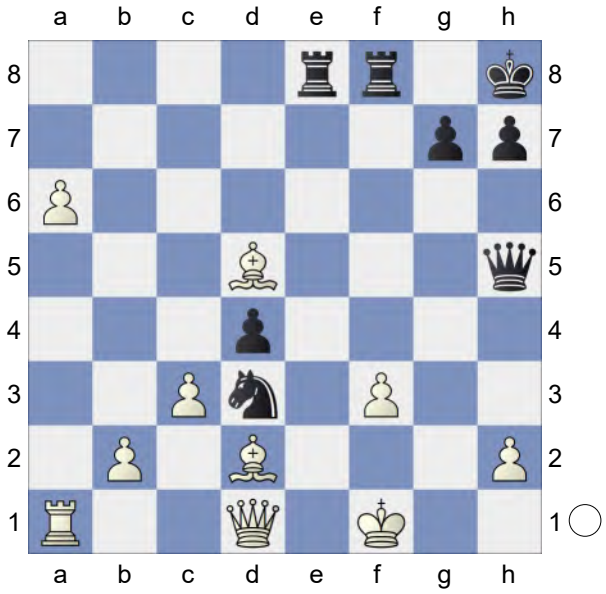


20...c5



Black is clearly winning. **21.Bxd5**
[21.Rxa6 Qd8 22.Rc6 *(22.h3? Bh5-+)* 22...cxd4]
21...cxd4 22.bxa6 -6.64/19
[⌓22.Kg1 -4.44/16 axb5 *(22...Bxf3? 23.Bxf3 Qb6 24.Rxa6-+; 22...Nxf3+? 23.gxf3 Bh3 24.f4-+)* 23.Qf1 Bxf3 *(23...Nxf3+? 24.gxf3 Rd8 25.Qg2-+)* 24.gxf3]
22...Bxf3 23.gxf3 Nd3+ 24.Kg2 Qg6+ 25.Kf1 White got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.27/ Black=0.37
25...Qh5



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114 **C82**
□ **Hutter,Richard**
■ **Ashcroft,Graham J**
corr 1944
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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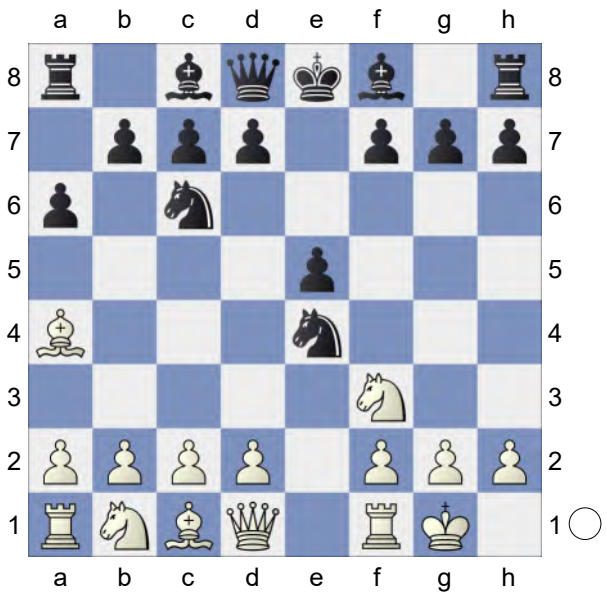

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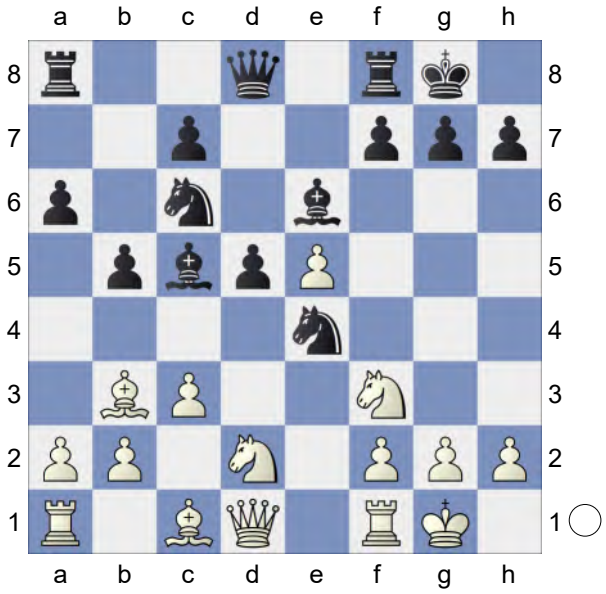
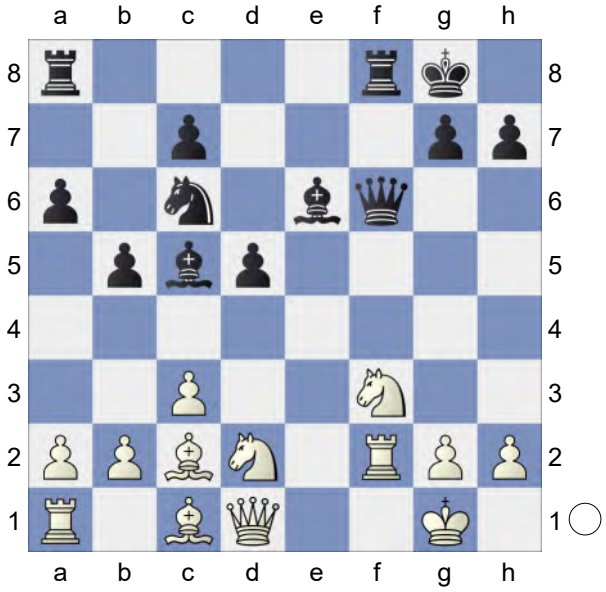


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6

[13.Nf1 Bxf2+ 14.Kxf2 fxe5 15.Kg1 Bg4 *(15...Qd6 16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qe1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Rxf5 19.Rd1 h6 20.Bf2 e4 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Rdf8 23.Rd2 Qb4 24.a3 Qb3 25.h3 R5f7 26.Ng3 Rf6 27.Kh2 a5 28.Nh5 Rf5 29.Ng3 R5f6 30.Nh5* ½-½ (32) Nepomniachtchi,I (2757)-Erigaisi,A (2782) 2nd UzChess Cup Masters 2025 (3.3)*)* 16.Ne3 Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Bb2 Rb8 19.Qe1 e4 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 c6 22.Bd1 Rf6 23.a3 Qb6 24.Be2 h6 25.Bc3 b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.Ra6 Qb7 ½-½ (53) Stockfish16 (2827)-Intron014 (2894) Blitz 2023]

13...Qxf6



14.Nb3 -0.32/18 **Bxf2+∓ 15.Kxf2** Black is slightly better. **15...Ne5N**

[15...g5 16.Qd3 Rf7 17.Bxg5 Qxg5 *(17...Qg7 18.Re1 Re8 19.Nc5 Bd7 20.Nxd7 Rxe1 21.Nf6+ Rxf6 22.Bxf6* 1-0 Mastichiadis,F-Soininen,F Dyckhoff Memorial 3/M 1954*)* 18.Qxh7+ Kf8 19.Qxf7+ 1-0 Argyris,N-Bloodworth,K North Devon Congress-02 1972 (2)]

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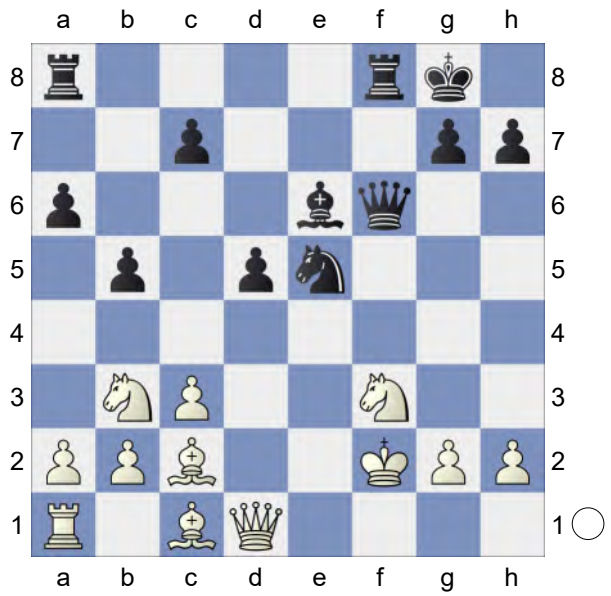

Wards off Qd3 **16.Kg3** -1.02/20
[16.Bg5? Qxg5 17.Qd2 Nxf3 18.Qxg5 Nxg5+-+]
[16.Kg1!= -0.30/19]
16...Nxf3 -0.09/17
[Black should play 16...Rae8!∓ -1.02/20 Threatens to win with ...Bf5. 17.Bg5 Qf7]
17.gxf3=
[17.Qxf3? Qe7 18.Bf4 g5-+]
17...Rad8 0.57/19
[17...Kh8!= 0.15/18]
18.Nd4↑ White has good play. **18...Bc8** 1.65/18
[18...Bf7!± 0.63/18]
19.Qd3+- g6 20.b4
[20.Bh6 c5±]
20...Rde8

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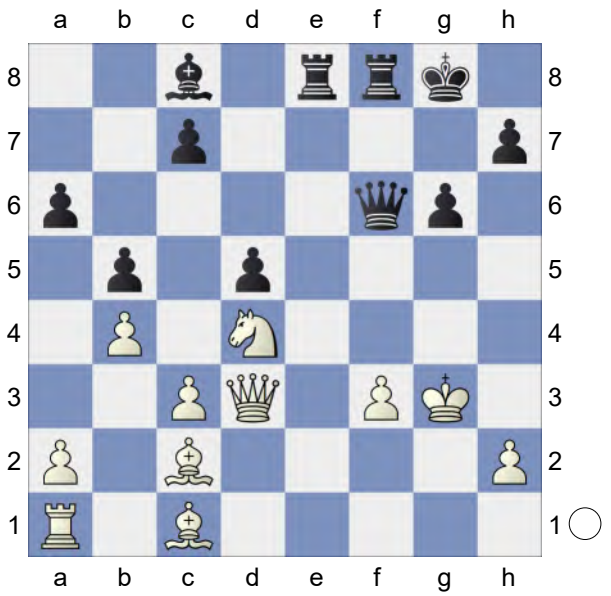
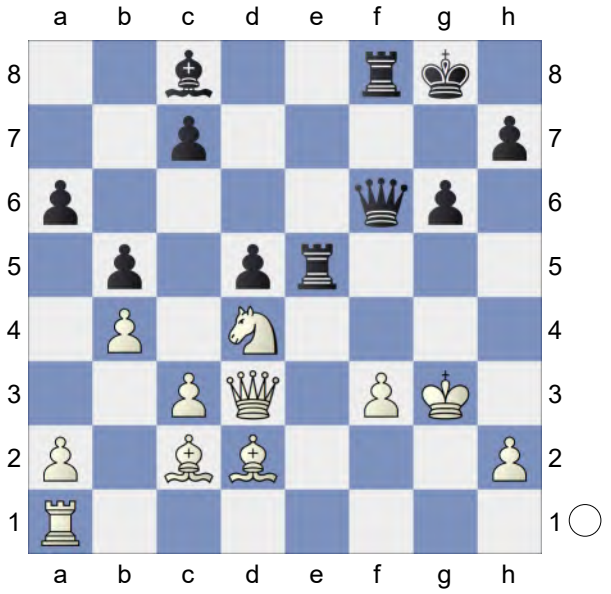
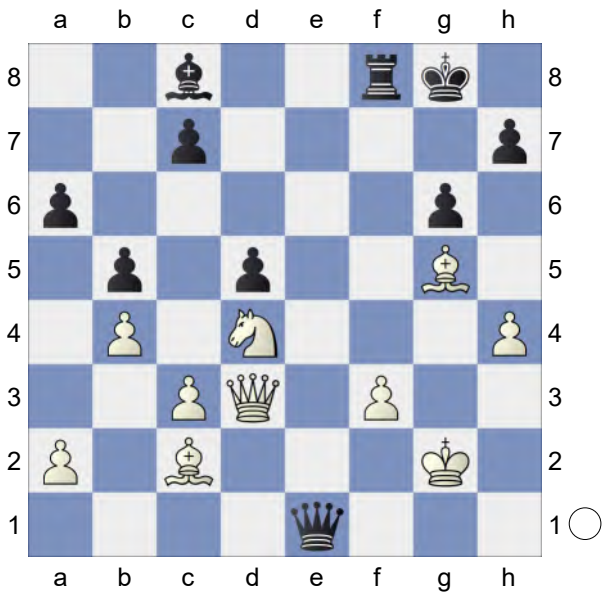


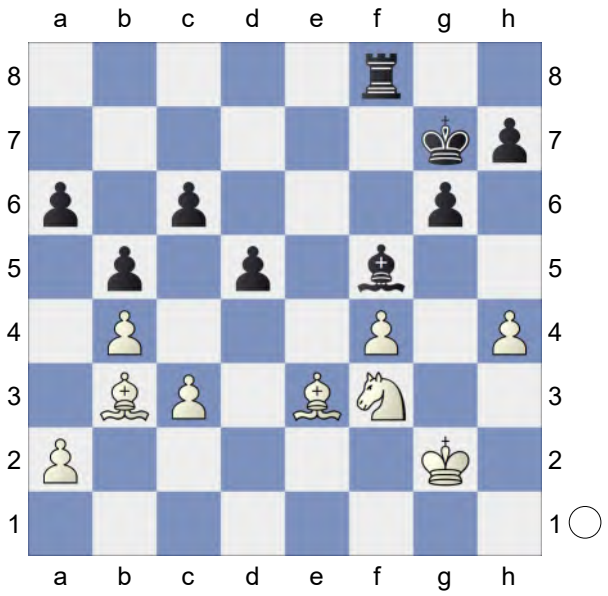
21.Bd2 Prevents Re1. **21...Re5**



22.h4 0.62/17
[22.f4!+- 1.71/20]
22...Re4!± **23.Bg5** Dancing on a razor blade.
[23.fxe4? Qf2#]
This costs Black the game. **23...Qe5+** 3.91/20
[23...Rg4+!= 0.08/18 and Black has nothing to worry. 24.Kf2 *(24.fxg4 Qf2+ 25.Kh3 Bxg4+* Decoy *26.Kxg4 Qg2+ 27.Qg3 h5#)* 24...Qd6]
24.Kg2+- Re1 25.Rxe1 Qxe1



26.Qe3 Qxe3 27.Bxe3 Bd7 28.Bb3 c6 29.f4 Kg7 30.Nf3 Bf5



31.Bd4+ Kg8 32.Ne5 Rc8 33.Kg3 Kf8 34.Bc5+ Ke8 35.a3 Kd8

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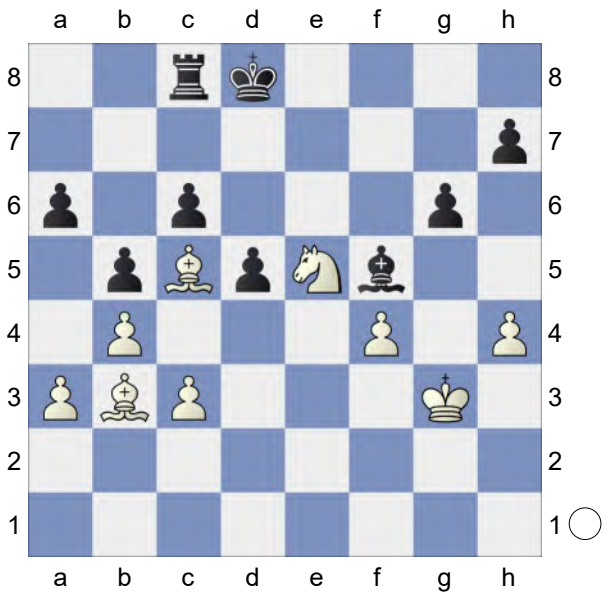
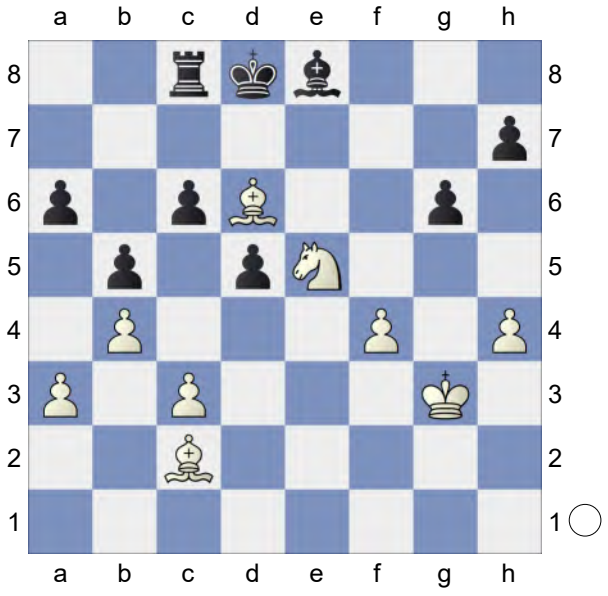


36.Bd6 Bd7 37.Bc2
[37.Nf7+ Ke8±]
37...Be8



38.h5! gxh5
[38...a5 39.bxa5]
39.Bxh7 Ra8 40.Bf5 Ra7

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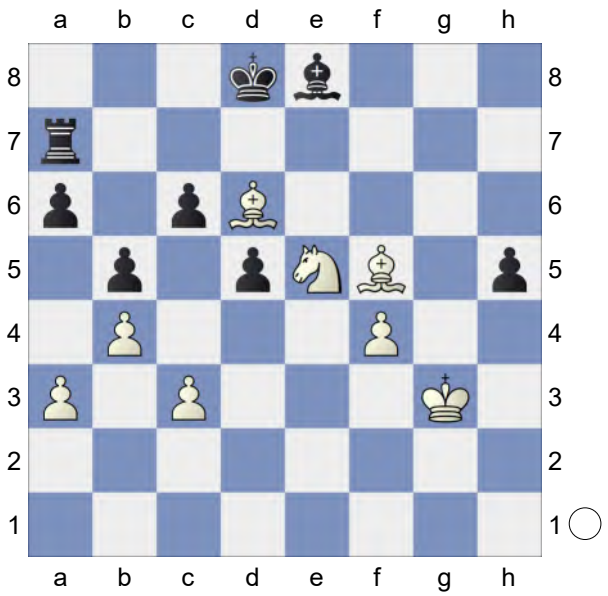
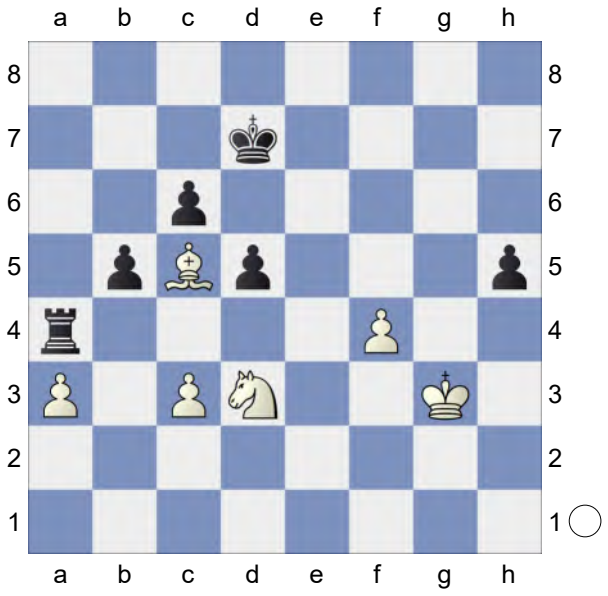


41.Bf8 a5 42.bxa5 Rxa5 43.Bc5
This pair of bishops is nice. **43...Ra4**
44.Nd3 Kh4 is the strong threat.
44...Bd7? 5.05/16
[44...Rc4 2.56/16 45.Bb6+ Ke7]
45.Bxd7 Kxd7



46.Kh4 Ke6

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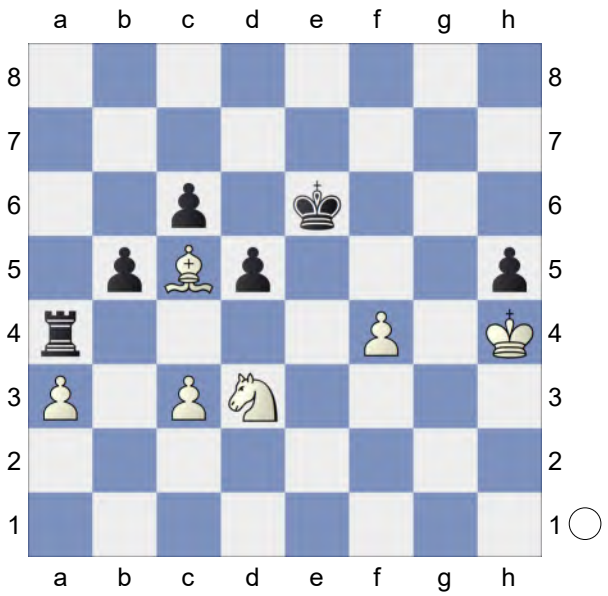

47.Kg5
[47.Kxh5 Kf5±]
47...h4 48.f5+
[Not 48.Kxh4 Kf5±]
48...Kf7 49.Ne5+ Kg8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.60
50.f6 9.78/21
[50.Nxc6 h3 51.Bg1 Rxa3 52.Ne7+ Kf7 53.Nxd5 Ra2∓]
[⌓50.Kg6 #11/20 Rf4 51.f6 *(51.Nxc6 Rg4+ 52.Kf6 h3=)* 51...Rxf6+ 52.Kxf6 h3 53.Ng4 *(53.Nxc6? loses. h2-+)* 53...h2 54.Nxh2 Kh7 55.Ng4]

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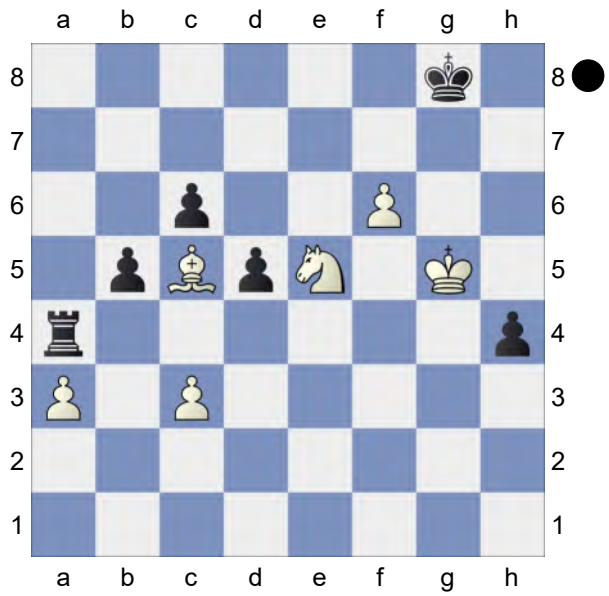

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115 **C82**
□ **Atiashev,Peter**
■ **Shaposhnikov,Yury Nikolaevich**
corr URS-ch02 1952
[Atyashev,G]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

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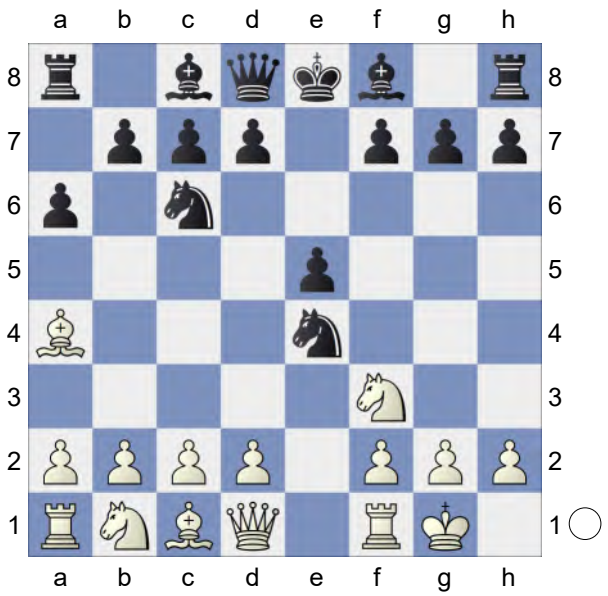

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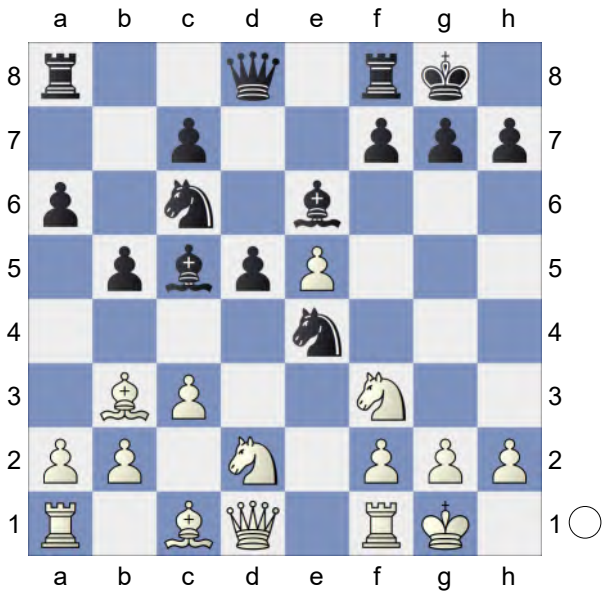


11.Bc2 Nxf2 The Dilworth Variation **12.Rxf2 f6 13.exf6!** Undoubtedly the strongest continuation. IfOther moves are weak, e.g.

[13.Qe2 then after fxe5 14.Nb3 Bxf2+ 15.Qxf2 Bg4! Black has good counter-chances.]

13...Bxf2+ In the game Smyslov-Botvinnik (Moscow Championship 1943) 13...Qxf6 was played, but after 14 Qf1! Bg4 15 Kh1 Bxf2 16 Qxf2 Rae8 17 Qg3

Ne5 18 Bd1 Nd3 19 h3! Smyslov gained the advantage. True, Black could have played 18...h5, and if 19 h4 - 19...Nd3, but, as shown by Keres in his book 'Teoriya Shakhmatnykh Debyutov' (Theory of Chess Openings), White could have most easily consolidated his advantage with 15 h3!, in order after 15... Bh5 to continue 16 Qd3, while if 15... Bxf3 16 Nxf3 Ne5, then 17 Nd4.
It should also be mentioned that 15 Qd3 cannot be recommended for White in view of 15...Bxf2+ 16 Kxf2 Qh4+ 17 Kg1 Qh5, when Black's position is preferable.

14.Kxf2 Qxf6 15.Kg1 -0.18/21

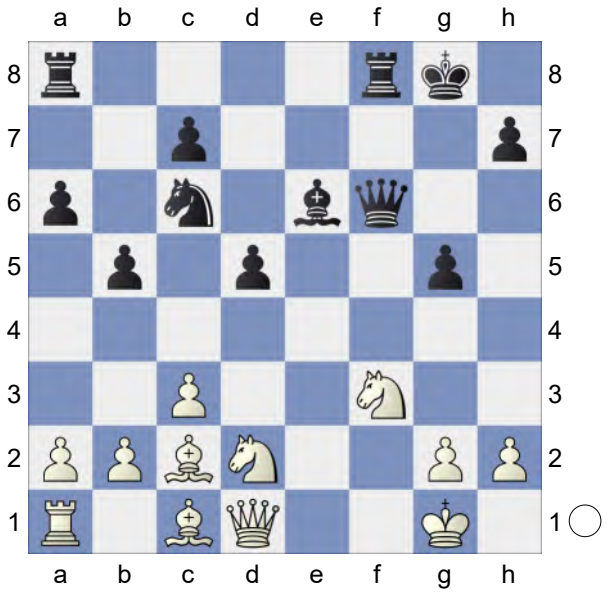
[RR15.Nf1! is a major alternative]

[15.Nf1!± 0.45/21]

15...g5!? 1.01/22

[15...Rae8! is more usually played, but the text should be playable too.]

[15...Rae8!= -0.18/21 keeps the balance.]



16.Qe1! 0.09/19 The only way! The manoeuvre of the queen to g3 discloses the drawbacks to Black's plan. 16 Nb3 would have been a mistake, since after 16...g4 Black's attack could have become dangerous, for example: 17 Qd3 Rf7 18 Bg5 Qg7 19 Nfd4 Nxd4 20 Nxd4 Qxg5 21 Nxe6 Qf6!.

[RR16.Nb3 g4 17.Qd3 -0.68/22 *(17.Bg5!± 0.81/25 Qg7 18.Nfd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 Qxg5 20.Qd3)* 17...Rf7!∓ 18.Bg5 Qg7! 19.Nfd4 Nxd4! 20.Nxd4 Qxg5 21.Nxe6 Qf6!∓ ...Re8 would now be deadly. (Walther-Dilworth, corr 1979) 22.Nd4 -2.25/19 *(22.Qe3∓ -1.08/19 Re7 23.Qg5+ Qxg5 24.Nxg5; 22.Qe2 Re8 23.Re1 Kh8 24.g3 Rfe7 25.Qd3 Rf7 26.Qe3 Kg8 27.Qe2 h5 28.Bb3 c6 29.Qe5 Qf2+ 30.Kh1 Qf3+* ½-½ Sprenger De la Iglesia,Y (2255)-Showdown (2400) (Game 26) Budapest 1995*)* 22...Qf2+-+ 23.Kh1 c5! 0.00/20 Shakhmaty v SSSR, 1955 *(23...Re8!-+* -3.13/22 *24.h3 c5)*]

[16.h3!± 1.01/22]

16...Rae8N 1.66/19 [The immediate 16... g4!? came into consideration, with the possible variation 17 Qg3 (dangerous is 17 Ng5 Bf5 18 Bxf5 Qxf5 19 Qe6+ Kh8 20 Qxf5 Rxf5 with the better chances for Black; the recommended 18 Bb3 is also dubious in view of 18...Rad8 19 Nge4 Qe6 20 Qe2 Rfe8, when White faces a gruelling struggle for equality) 17...Qg7 18 Ne1 b4. - S.G.]

[16...g4! 17.Qh4! *(17.Ng5 Bf5∞)* 17...Bf5! 18.Qxf6 -0.31/16 *(18.Bxf5=* 0.20/22 *Qxf5 19.Qg3)* 18...Rxf6∓ 19.Bxf5 Rxf5 20.Nh4 Re5 Black had a good endgame in Radoslavic-Dilworth, corr 1979 21.Nb3]

[16...g4!= 0.09/19 and Black has nothing to worry.]

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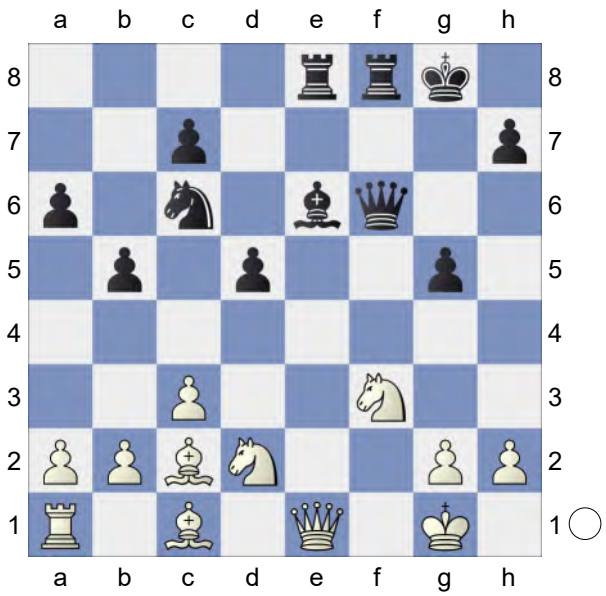
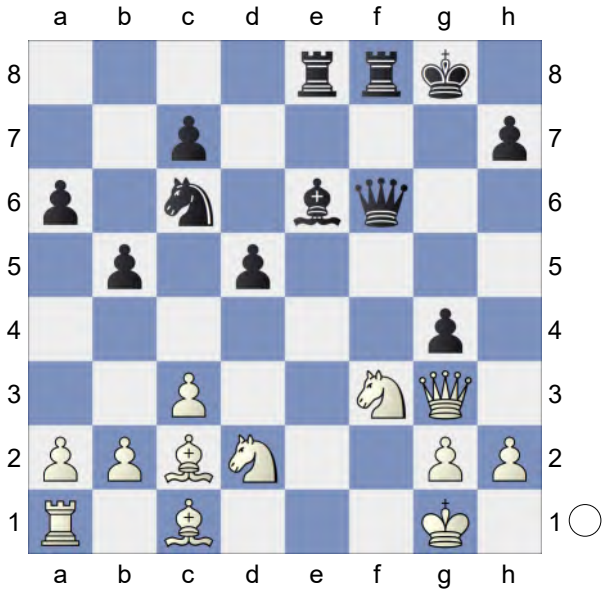


17.Qg3!+- g4



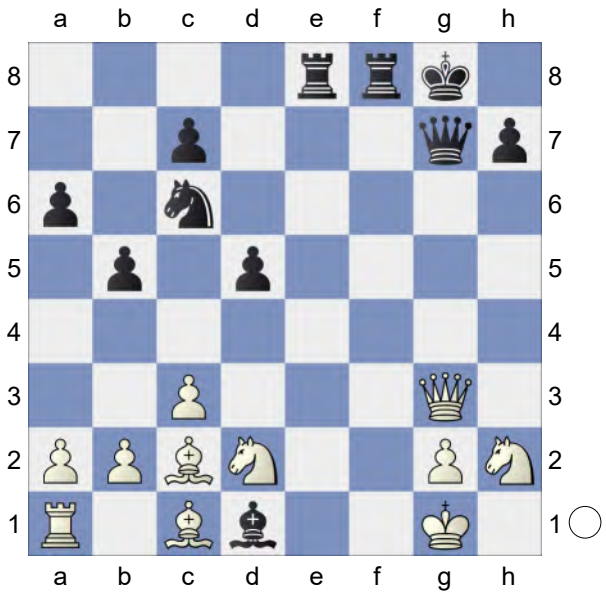
White is clearly better. **18.h3!** [Nothing would have been achieved by 18 Qxc7?! Bf5! 19 Bxf5 Qxf5, when White does best to return his queen to its former square by 20 Qg3, since after 20 Qxc6? Re1+ 21 Kf2 Qe5 22 Qxd5+ (otherwise things are completely bad for him) 22...Qxd5 23 Kxe1 gxf3 he clearly does not have enough for the queen. - S. G.]

[18.Qxc7 Bf5 19.Bb3 *(19.Bxf5 Qxf5 20.Qg3 Kh8-+)* 19...Kh8-+]

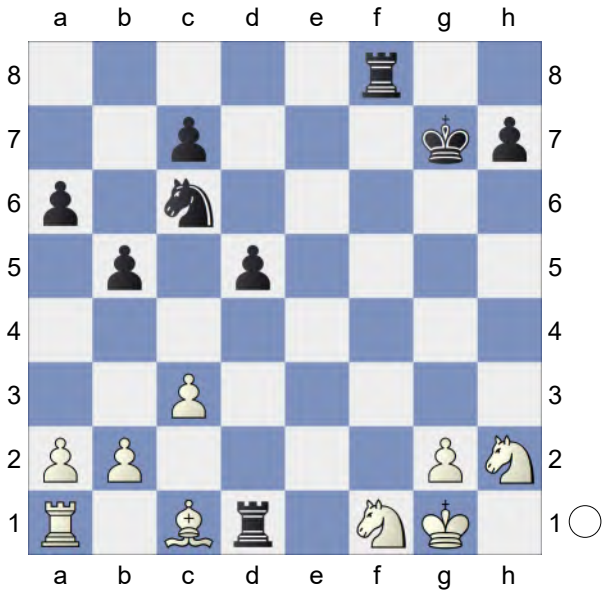
18...Qg7 19.hxg4 Bxg4 20.Nh2± 0.93/19

[White should play 20.Bb3+- 1.64/19 Kh8 21.Nh2 *(21.Bxd5 Ne5+-)*]

20...Bd1? 3.66/17

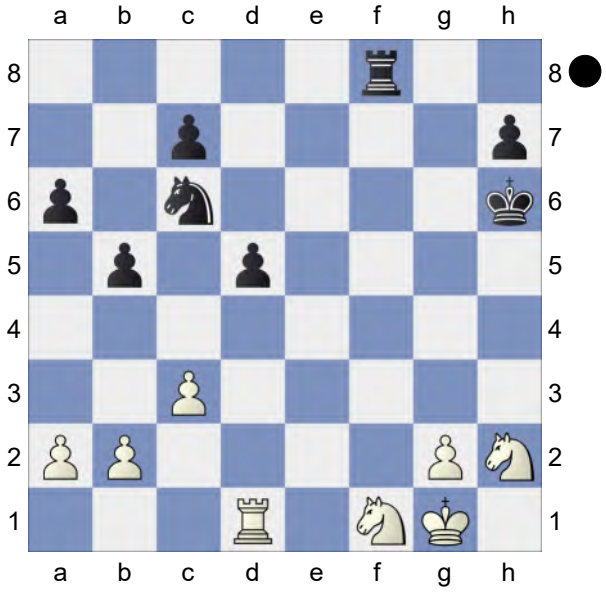


Black embarks on a faulty combination, which loses quickly. However, also after other bishop moves White, after exchanging queens, could have gradually converted his advantage. **21.Qxg7++-** White is winning. **21...Kxg7 22.Bxd1 Re1+ 23.Ndf1! Rxd1**



24.Bh6+! Skewer, Discovered Attack

This simple move was missed by Black, when he devised his combination.
24...Kxh6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.90
25.Rxd1



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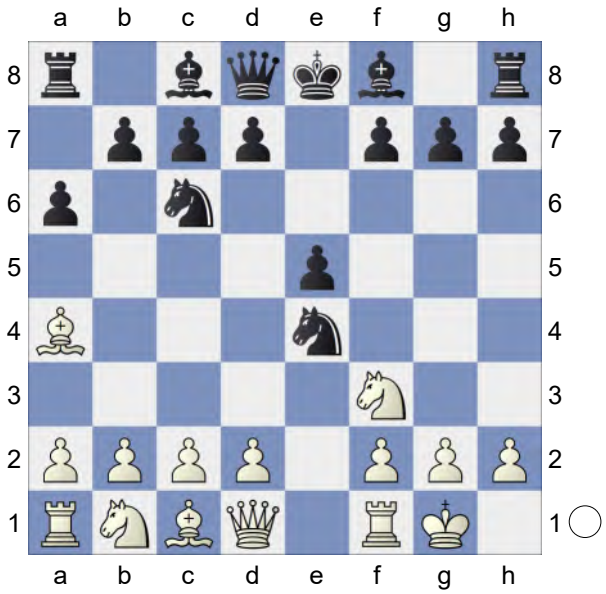
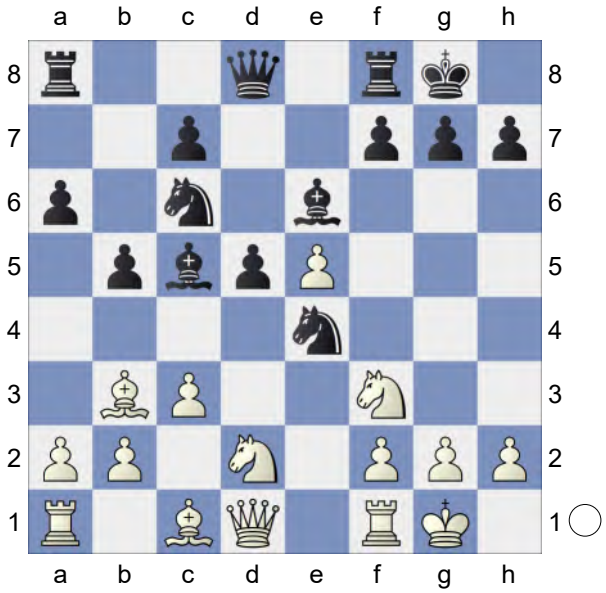
□ **Drinkwater,N**
■ **Dilworth,Vernon**
corr 1945
[Kitty Kat]

C82: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 without 9... Be7
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4

(Diagram)

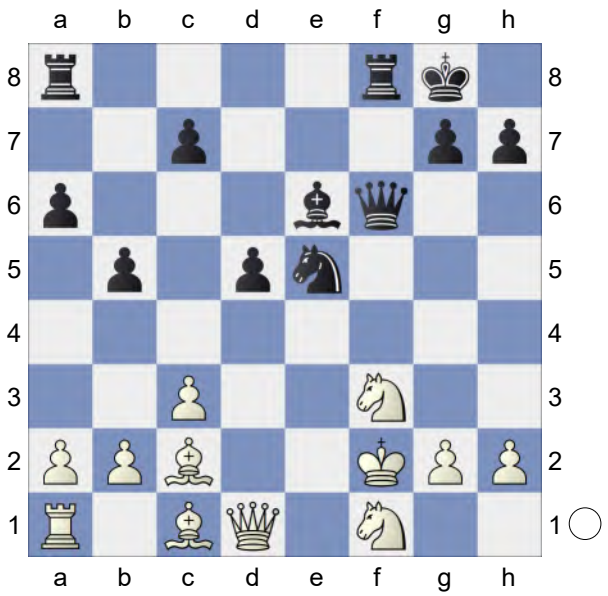


6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0

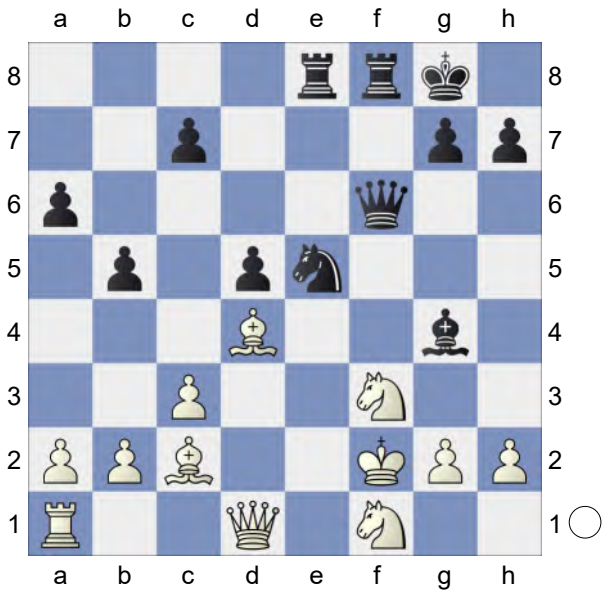


11.Bc2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 f6 14.exf6 Qxf6 Diagram. **15.Nf1** Probably best. The main alternatives are: Kg1 and Nb3, but Qf1 and Qe2 have also been played. **15...Ne5**

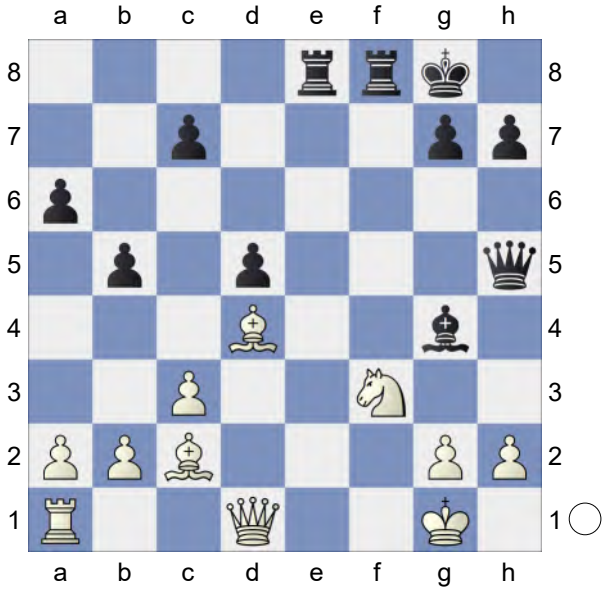
(Diagram)



16.Be3 Rae8 17.Bd4
[17.Bc5!? Rf7 18.N1d2=]
17...Bg4



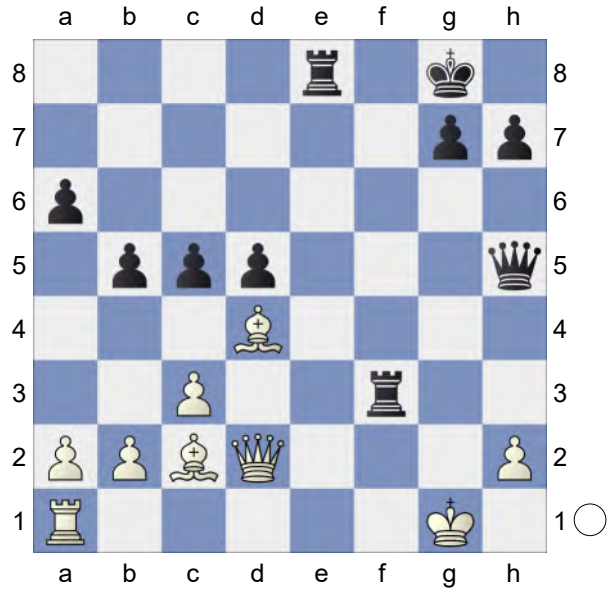
18.N1d2!
[18.Bxe5!? -1.33/17 18.N1d2 -0.18]
18...Qh4+ 0.47/20
[18...Qg5! 19.Bxe5! Rxe5 0.06/18 *(19...Qxe5∓ -0.31/21 20.Kg1 Qe3+ 21.Kh1 Qf2)* 20.Nf1? -4.25/21 *(20.Kg1=* 0.06/18 and White has nothing to worry. *Qe7 21.Bd3)* 20...Qh5 -2.32/21 *(⌓20...Rxf3+* -4.25/21 *21.gxf3 Bh3)* 21.Qd3 -3.39/20 *(⌓21.N1d2* -2.32/21 *Qxh2 22.Qh1 Qxh1 23.Rxh1)* 21...Bxf3-+ 22.gxf3 Ref5 23.Kg1 Rxf3 24.Qd4? -#4/16 *(24.Ng3-+* -3.72/19 *Rxd3 25.Nxh5)* 24...Qg5+ -6.18/17 *(⌓24...Rxf1+* -#4/16 *25.Rxf1 Qg5+* Deflection *26.Kh1 Rxf1+ 27.Qg1 Rxg1#)* 25.Ng3-+ Rxg3+ 26.hxg3 Qxg3+ 27.Kh1 Qf3+ 28.Kg1 Rf4 0-1 Greig,E-Dilworth,V, corr 1945.]
[18...Qg5!∓ -0.31/21 19.Bxe5 Qxe5]
19.Kg1± Nxf3+ White is slightly better.
20.Nxf3
[20.gxf3 Bh3 21.Nf1 Qg5+ 22.Ng3 g6 23.Kh1 h5 24.Qd3 Re6 25.Rg1 Kh7 26.Bc5 Rf7 27.Ne2 Qf5 28.Qxf5 Bxf5 29.Nd4 Bxc2 30.Nxe6 Rf6 31.Ng5+ Kg8 32.Re1 Rf5 33.Re8+ Kg7 34.Bd4+ Kh6 0-1 (35) Apicella,M (2508)-Gurevich,M (2688) Clichy 2001 (7)]
20...Qh5



21.Qd3N Is this the best?
[21.Qf1 -0.07/25 21.Qd2 0.43 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Rxf3 23.Qg2 Re7 0.51/19 *(23...g6!=* -0.08/20 *24.Kh1 Rh3)* 24.Kh1∞]
[21.Qd2 (favoured by Fritz.) Bxf3

22.gxf3 Rxf3 *(22...Qxf3 23.Qd3 Qg4+ 24.Kh1 g6 25.Rg1 Qh5 26.Bd1 Qf5 27.Qxf5 Rxf5 28.h4 Re4 29.Kh2 c5 30.Bxc5 Rxh4+ 31.Kg3 Rc4 32.Be3 h5* Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006*)* 23.Re1 0.03/22 *(23.Bd3± 0.40/21* was preferable.*)* 23...Rxe1+ 24.Qxe1∞]

21...Bxf3 22.gxf3 Rxf3 23.Qd2 c5



Deflection. Some like it hot **24.Bxc5** Bd4 is the strong threat. **24...Re5?** 1.67/22

[24...Rf6= 0.06/21 and Black is okay. 25.Bd3 Re5]

25.Kh1 0.69/24

[25.Bd4+- 1.67/22 Re7 26.Bd3]

25...Rf6!

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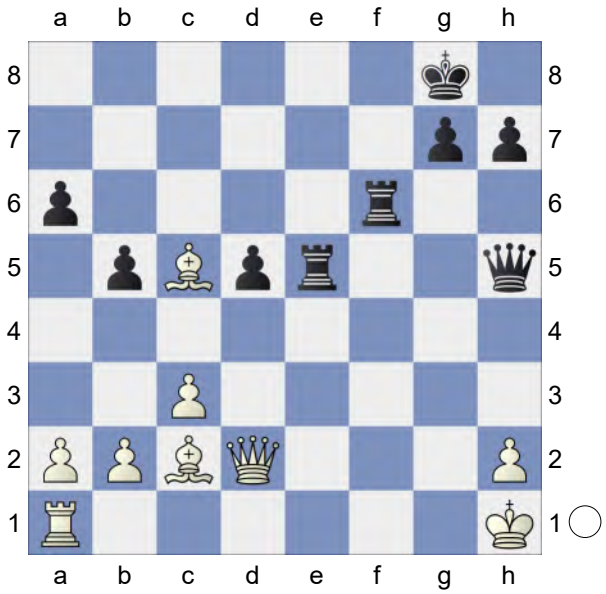


26.Bd1 -3.96/19 Prevents Re2. This pair of bishops is nice.

[26.Bb3!± 0.65/23 stays ahead.]

26...Rf1+ -1.72/19

[⌓26...Qf5 -3.96/19 ...Qe4+ is the strong threat. 27.Bc2 Qf3+ 28.Qg2 Qxg2+ Remove Defender 29.Kxg2 Re2+ 30.Kg3 Rxc2]

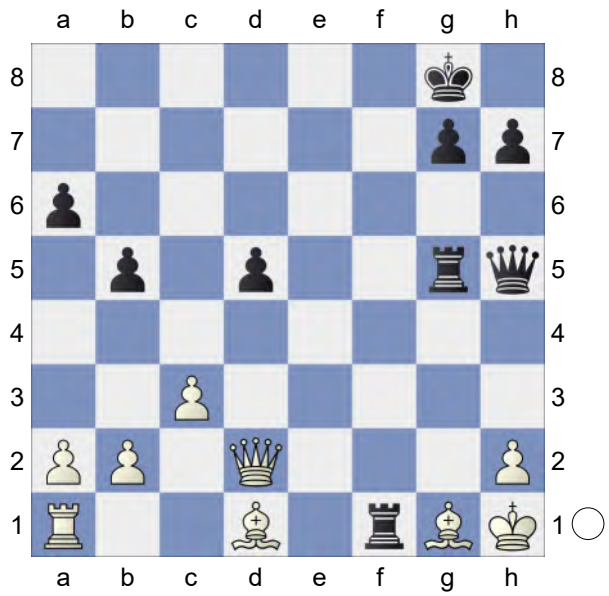
27.Bg1? -5.99/20

[27.Kg2 -1.72/19 Qf7 28.Bh5 *(28.Bf2? Rxf2+* Deflection *29.Qxf2 Rg5+-+)*]

Weighted Error Value: White=1.06/ Black=0.55

27...Rg5

(Diagram)



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